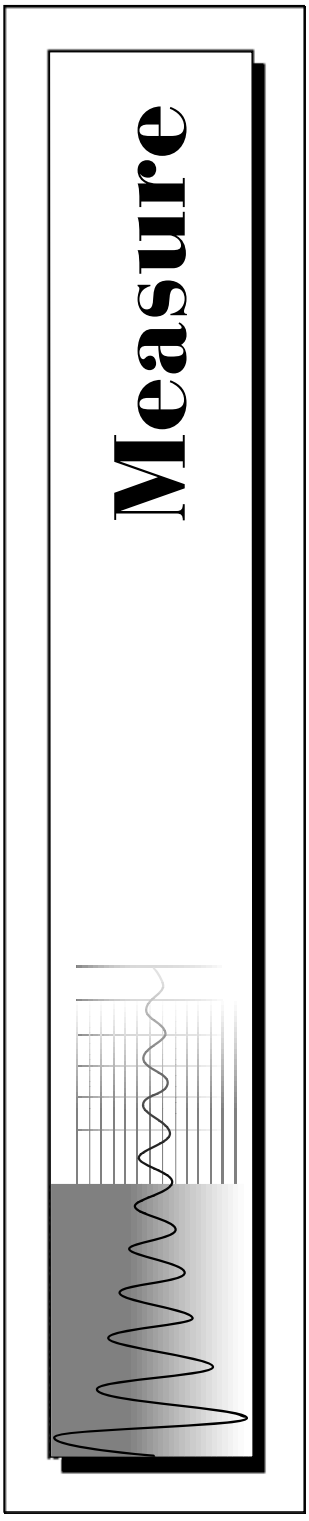

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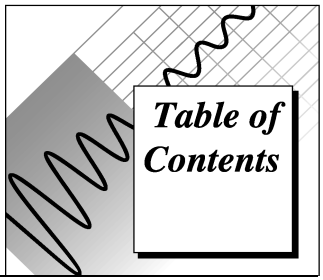

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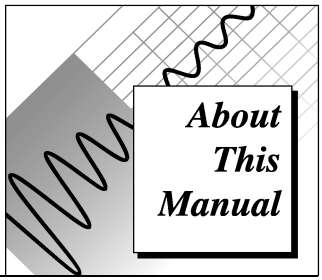

The *Measure Data Acquisition User Manual* describes how to use the Measure Data Acquisition Add-In with National Instruments data acquisition boards to acquire data into Microsoft Excel. You should be familiar with the operation of Microsoft Excel, your computer, your computer's operating system, and your data acquisition (DAQ) board.

Organization of This Manual

The *Measure Data Acquisition User Manual* is organized as follows.

- Chapter 1, *Introduction*, helps you install the *Measure Data Acquisition (DAQ) Add-In*. You should have installed and configured your DAQ hardware already.
- Chapter 2, *Getting Started with Data Acquisition Tasks*, contains a tutorial for the following basic functions: Selecting a data acquisition task, configuring an analog input task, configuring an analog output task, adding tasks to the DAQ menu, saving tasks, and managing tasks in a workbook.
- Chapter 3, *Using SCXI with Measure DAQ*, describes how to use the Measure Data Acquisition Add-In in Excel with your Signal Conditioning Extension for Instrumentation (SCXI) equipment.
- Chapter 4, *Analog Input Reference*, introduces some basic concepts of data acquisition and contains a reference for analog input configuration, hardware digital triggering, analog input modes, and advanced timing. You should be familiar with the hardware characteristics of your data acquisition device.
- Chapter 5, *Analog Output Reference*, introduces some concepts of data acquisition and contains a reference for basic and advanced Analog Output Configuration.

- Chapter 6, *Using Measure Data Acquisition Tasks with VBA*, describes how to run tasks from within Visual Basic for Applications.
- Appendix A, *DAQ Hardware Capabilities*, contains SCXI information and tables that summarize the analog I/O capabilities of National Instruments data acquisition devices you might use with Measure for Windows.
- Appendix B, *Error Codes*, describes the errors that can occur while using the Measure DAQ Add-In.
- Appendix C, *Troubleshooting*, describes solutions to problems that you might encounter using the Measure DAQ Add-In.
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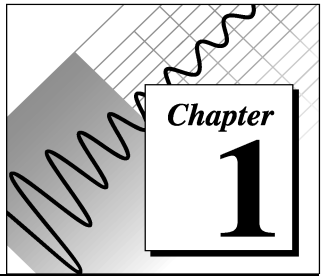
- *NI-DAQ User Manual for PC Compatibles*



Introduction

This chapter helps you install the Measure Data Acquisition (DAQ) Add-In. You should have installed and configured your DAQ hardware already. If you have not done so, please refer to the *NI-DAQ User Manual for PC Compatibles* that came with your device for instructions on installation and configuration.

Using Measure with Your DAQ Device

Measure is designed to work with many different National Instruments DAQ devices. Before you can use Measure, you must install and configure your DAQ device and the NI-DAQ driver software that came with your DAQ device. NI-DAQ is the low-level driver software that controls your DAQ device. Measure is a higher-level software development tool that communicates to your DAQ device through NI-DAQ. Refer to the documentation that comes with your DAQ device to learn how to install it properly.

Once you install your DAQ device, you must install and configure your NI-DAQ driver software.

You use the NI-DAQ Configuration Utility (`WDAQCONF.EXE`) to set up your DAQ device. For some DAQ devices, such as the E Series boards, you do not have to configure many settings. For other devices, you might be required to set jumpers or switches on your device to configure it to work in your system. Refer to the documentation that came with your DAQ device to install your NI-DAQ driver software and run `WDAQCONF.EXE`.

DAQ Device Overview

Measure is an easy-to-use spreadsheet interface for acquiring data with a wide range of National Instruments DAQ devices. Because Measure works with so many different devices, the functionality and performance of the software often varies based on the particular DAQ device you use. Although Measure senses the type of DAQ device you are using, you might select options in the task configuration that are not supported by your particular device. Measure notifies you when such a conflict occurs when you close the configuration window, or when you test the task you have defined. Make sure to test each task once you define it.

The following pages contain a tutorial to show you how to use Measure. Refer to the *Managing Tasks in a Workbook* section in Chapter 2, *Getting Started with Data Acquisition Tasks*, for detailed information on the analog input and output settings you can configure with Measure.

Installing Measure

1. Insert the Measure for Windows diskette into a 3½ inch floppy drive.
2. Select **Start**»**Run** from the taskbar in Windows 95 or **File**»**Run** from the Program Manager in other versions of Windows.
3. Type `A:\SETUP` in the box labeled Command Line, and then select **OK**.
4. Select a location for the setup program to install Measure for Windows.
5. Deselect any Add-Ins that you do not want to install.
6. Select **OK**.

The setup program copies the program files and on-line help files to the directory that you choose and creates a program group. Setup also automatically configures Excel to load the DAQ Add-In when you launch Excel.

Manually Adding or Removing the DAQ Add-In

To add the DAQ Add-In manually, complete the following steps.

1. Select **Tools**»**Add-Ins**.
2. In the Add-Ins dialog box, search the Add-Ins Available list box for the **Measure Data Acquisition Add-In** entry. Click in the checkbox next to the Measure Data Acquisition Add-In entry. If you cannot find the entry, click the **Browse** button and look for DAQ.XLA in the directory where you installed Measure.

To remove the DAQ Add-In manually, deselect the checkbox next to it, shown in Figure 1-1. The next time you launch Excel, Excel will not load the DAQ Add-In automatically.

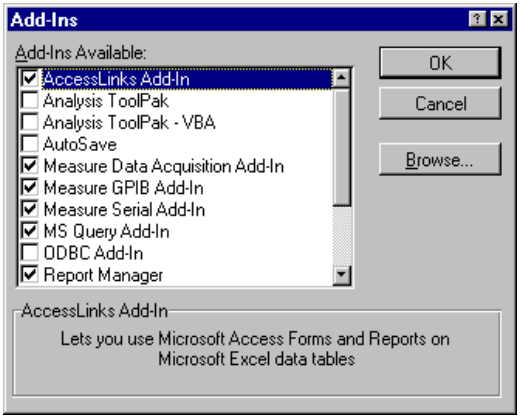
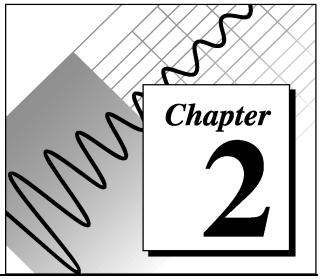


Figure 1-1. Add-Ins Dialog Box

Uninstalling Measure

To uninstall Measure, remove both the Serial Add-In and the Data Acquisition Add-In from the Add-Ins list in Excel. Double-click the **Uninstall** icon in the Measure folder to remove Measure from your computer.

Getting Started with Data Acquisition Tasks



After you install and configure your hardware and install the Measure Data Acquisition Add-In, you are ready to acquire data. This chapter contains a tutorial for each of the following basic functions.

- Selecting a Data Acquisition task
- Configuring an Analog Input task
- Configuring an Analog Output task
- Adding tasks to the DAQ menu
- Saving tasks
- Managing tasks in a workbook

You only need to read the sections for the functions that you use in your application.

Selecting a Data Acquisition Task

This section contains step-by-step instructions for configuring analog input and output tasks with Measure. To configure tasks, complete the following steps.

1. Launch Excel.
2. Select **DAQ»Configure DAQ Task** to display the DAQ Tasks dialog box, shown in Figure 2-1.

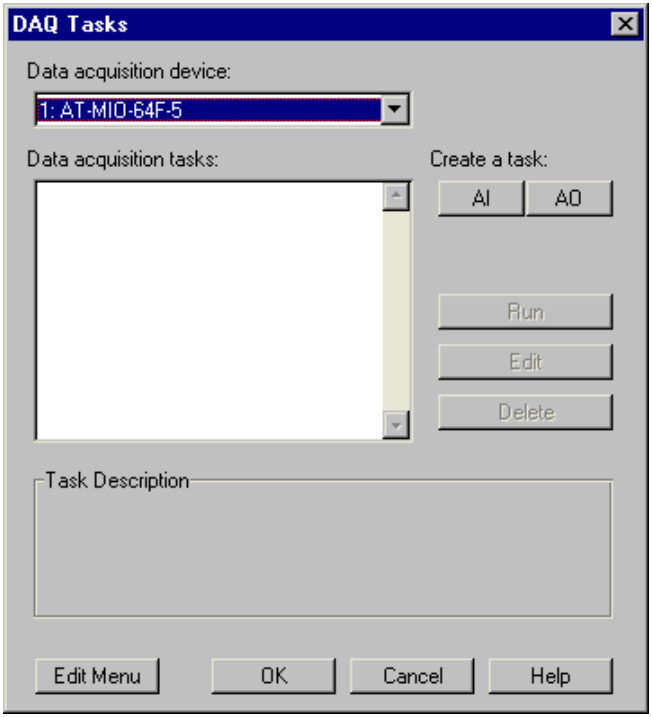


Figure 2-1. DAQ Tasks Dialog Box

The DAQ Tasks dialog box manages the I/O operations, or tasks, that you define with Measure. From this dialog box, you can create new tasks, edit existing tasks, and run I/O tasks interactively to test their operation.

3. Select a DAQ device from the Data acquisition device drop-down listbox at the top of the dialog box. The list of devices available in the drop-down listbox is taken from the devices that you have configured. If you have not run the configuration utility yet, refer to the documentation that came with your DAQ hardware.
4. Click on the **AI** button under the heading Create a task to display the Analog Input Configuration dialog box, shown in figure 2-2.

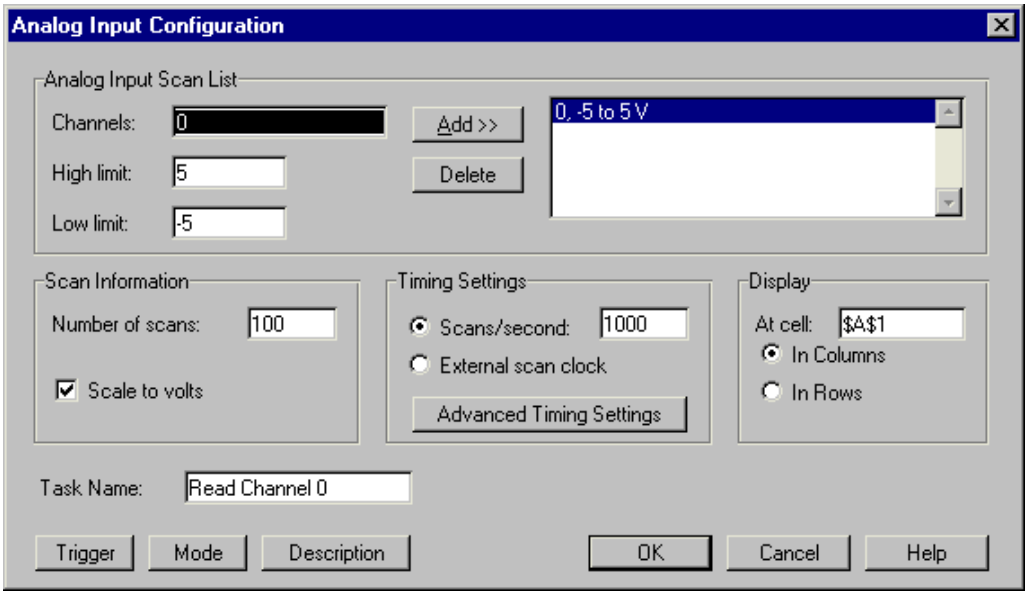


Figure 2-2. Analog Input Configuration

Configuring an Analog Input Task

From the Analog Input Configuration dialog box, you can specify all the parameters for an analog input operation. In the following steps, you create a simple analog input task. Refer to Chapter 4, *Analog Input Reference*, for more detailed information about the different options for analog input.

1. The Analog Input Scan List at the top of the dialog box is where you specify the input channels on your DAQ device from which you would like to acquire data. For each input channel you add to the scan list, you must specify a high and low voltage limit for the signals that you read. Measure puts default values for your device in the high and low limit fields. Measure uses these limits to configure the gain settings on your DAQ device for maximum measurement accuracy.

   Type `0` in the Channel field and click on the **Add>>** button to place the channel into your scan list.

2. In the Scan Information section of the dialog box, you specify how many scans of your channel list are to be acquired. A scan is a single measurement from each channel in your scan list. In this

example in which there is only one channel specified, the number of scans is equal to the number of points acquired from channel 0. If you were to specify two channels in your channel list, 100 scans would result in 200 points of data acquired (100 from each channel).

Type `100` in the Number of Scans field.

3. The Scan Rate section of the dialog box is where you specify how fast you would like to acquire the data. The default setting of 1000 scans per second means that you acquire a single point from each channel in your channel list 1000 times per second.

   Type `1000` in the Scans/second field.

4. The Display section of the dialog box is where you specify the cells on your worksheet to contain the acquired data. You manually can type in a spreadsheet address, such as `$A$1`, or you can highlight the input field and use your mouse to select an area on the spreadsheet to place your acquired data. Measure begins with the upper-left most cell in the range that you supply and places the data in rows or columns from that point in the worksheet.

   Type `$A$1` to place the 100 elements of data in the first column of your worksheet.

5. Type the name `Read Channel 0` in the Task Name field.

6. Click on the **Description** button to add a description for your task under development, shown in Figure 2-3. Type `Acquire 100 points of data from channel 0` in the Task Description dialog box, and click on the **OK** button.

   Now you have finished specifying your first Measure analog input task.

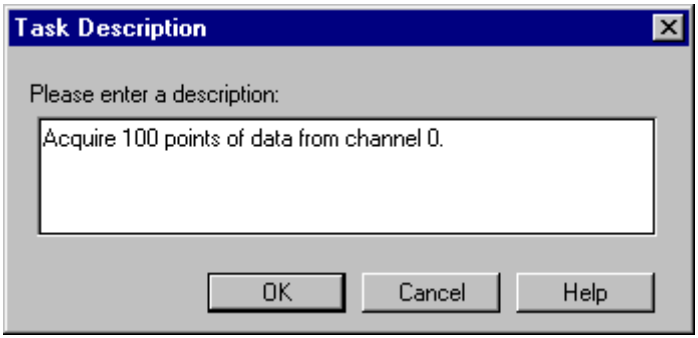


Figure 2-3. Task Description Dialog Box

7. Click on the **OK** button to return to the DAQ Tasks dialog box, shown in Figure 2-4. Notice that you now have a task named `Read Channel 0` in your task list. Notice also that the description for this new task appears in the dialog box as well.

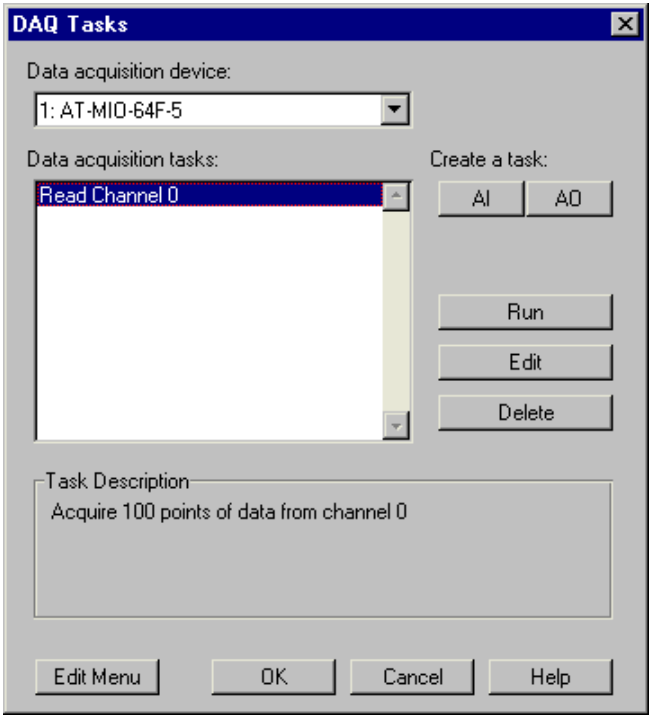


Figure 2-4. DAQ Tasks Dialog Box

8. Click on the **Run** button to execute the task. When the task completes, there are 100 datapoints in column A of your worksheet.

Configuring an Analog Output Task

If your DAQ device has analog output channels, you can use Measure to generate analog output signals based on values in your spreadsheet. Analog output tasks operate exactly opposite of analog input tasks. You specify an area on your worksheet that contains data values, and Measure converts these values to voltages and outputs them through an analog output channel of your DAQ device. For more information on analog output tasks, refer to Chapter 5, *Analog Output Reference*.

1. From the DAQ Task dialog box, select **AO** from the Create a task section of the dialog box to display the Analog Output Configuration dialog box, shown in Figure 2-5.

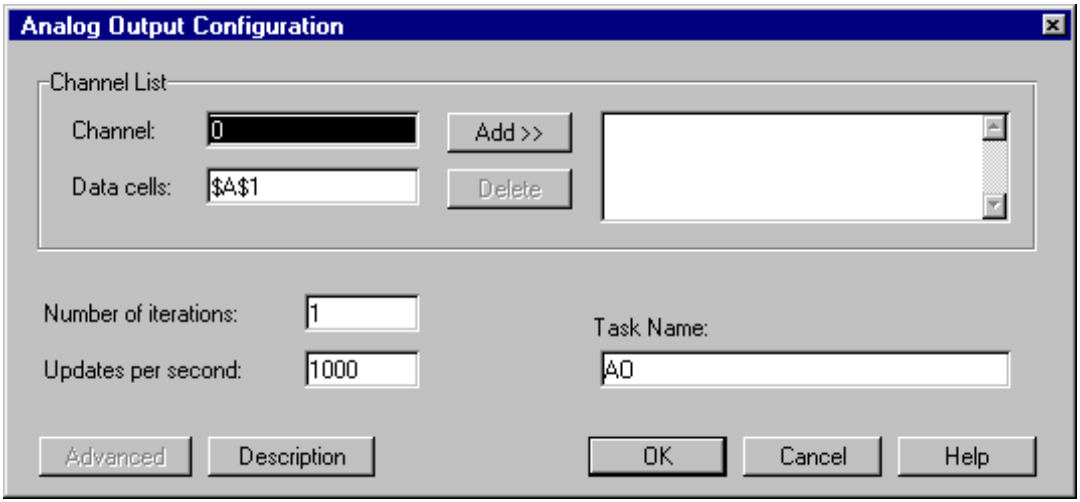


Figure 2-5. Analog Output Configuration Dialog Box

2. Type `0` in the Channel input field.
3. Type `$A$1:$A$10` in the Data cells input field. You manually can type this range, or highlight the input field and drag particular areas of your worksheet to specify a cell range. This parameter specifies which cell values are used as analog output values.
4. Click on the **Add** button.
5. Type `10` in the Number of iterations input field. The number of iterations determines how many times Measure outputs the values specified in the cell range. You can type a value of `0` in this field for continuous output of the values.
6. Type `1000` in the Updates per second input field. As in acquiring data, you must specify an update rate to determine how fast the data outputs through the analog output channel.
7. Type `Output 10 iterations` in the Task Name input field.
8. Click on the **Description** button, and type `Output 10 iterations of data on analog output Channel 0` for the description of your analog output task. Click on the **OK** button.
9. Now you have finished configuring your first Measure analog output task. Click on the **OK** button to return to the DAQ Tasks

dialog box. Notice that your new analog output task appears in the task list, shown in Figure 2-6.

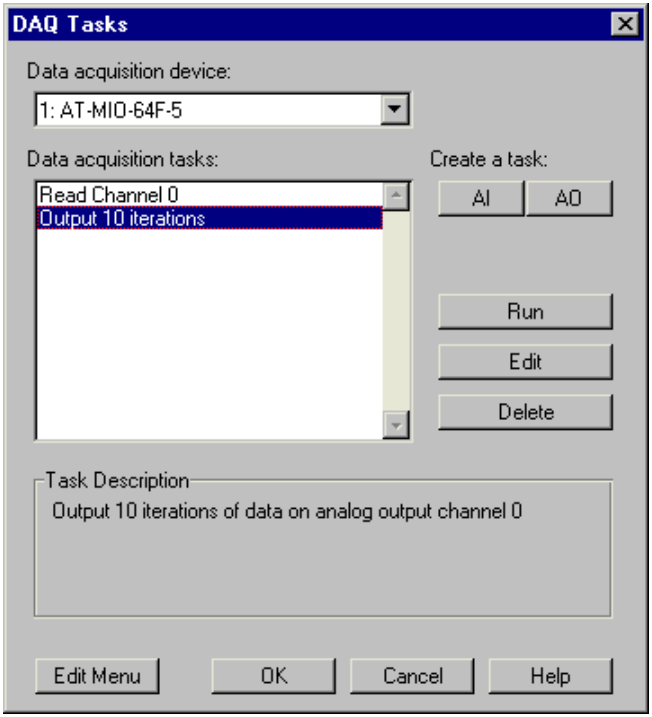


Figure 2-6. DAQ Tasks Dialog Box

10. Highlight the `Output 10 iterations` task and click on the **Run** button to execute the analog output task. Make sure you have valid voltage data in cells A1:A10 before running the task.

Adding Tasks to the DAQ Menu

Now that the two tasks are configured and tested from the DAQ Tasks dialog box, you may want to make them more accessible from your spreadsheet. With Measure, you can easily add these tasks to the **DAQ** menu.

1. Select **DAQ»Configure DAQ Tasks**.
2. Click on the **Edit Menu** button to display the Edit DAQ Menu dialog box, shown in Figure 2-7.

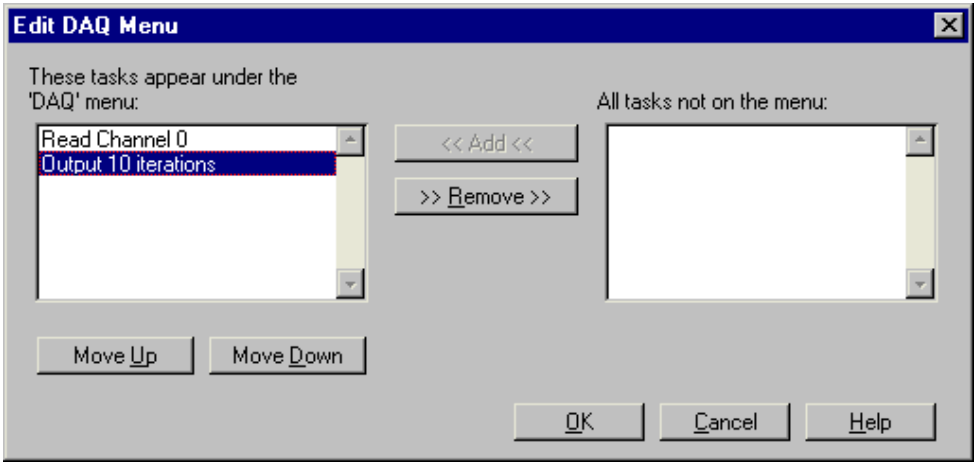


Figure 2-7. Adding Tasks to the DAQ Menu

3. Highlight each of the tasks in the window on the right and click on the **Add** button to add them to the **DAQ** menu.
4. Click on the **OK** button to return to the **Configure DAQ Tasks** menu. Click on the **OK** button to return to the Excel worksheet.
5. Pull down the **DAQ** menu. Notice that two new entries now appear in the **DAQ** menu, shown in Figure 2-8. Now you can select these tasks and execute them from the worksheet without going into the Measure dialog boxes.

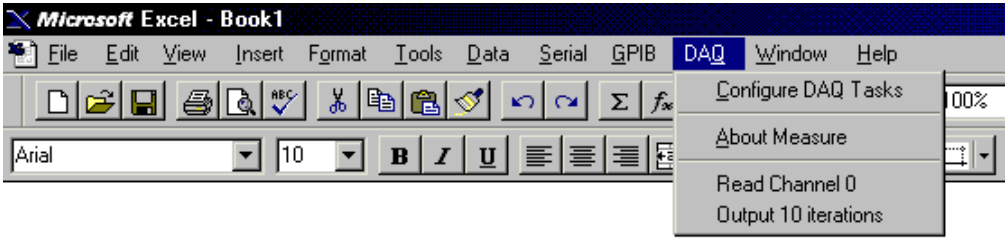


Figure 2-8. The DAQ Menu

Saving Tasks

Each of your tasks are stored in your workbook automatically when you click on the **OK** button in the DAQ Tasks dialog box. If you configure a new task, but click on the **Cancel** button from the DAQ Tasks dialog box, Measure does not store your new task in your workbook.

Your tasks are saved as part of the Excel workbook. Each time you launch Excel and open a workbook that contains Measure tasks, they appear in the task list of the DAQ tasks dialog box.

Managing Tasks in a Workbook

This section describes how to use the DAQ Tasks dialog box, shown in Figure 2-9, to manage the tasks in a workbook. You can open this dialog box by selecting **DAQ»ConfigureDAQTasks** from the menu bar.

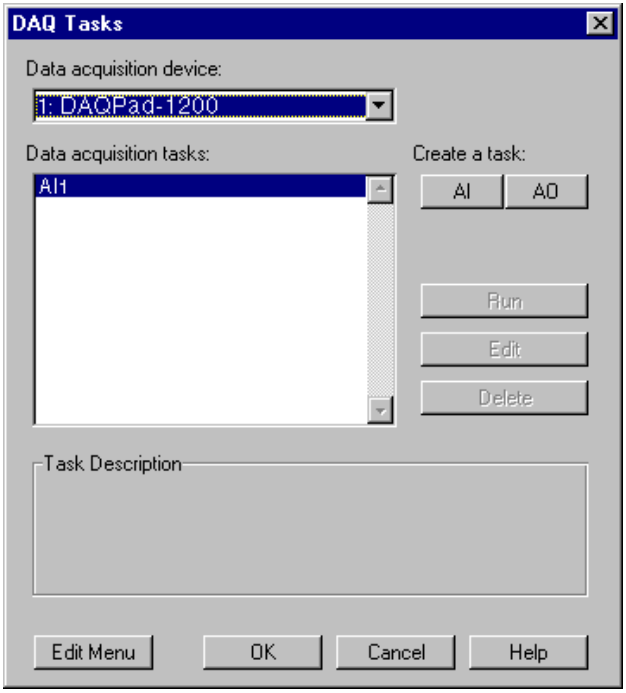


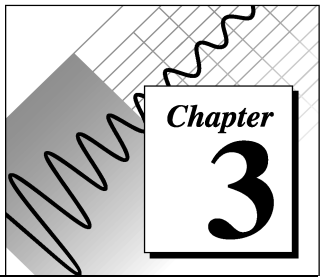
Figure 2-9. DAQ Tasks Dialog Box

Table 2-1 contains a list of the DAQ Tasks dialog box options with descriptions of their use.

Table 2-1. DAQ Tasks Dialog Box Options

Option/Button	Description
Data acquisition device	Select the National Instrument data acquisition device for which you want to create a task. Measure scans your NI-DAQ configuration for installed devices and lists only those devices that Measure supports.
Data acquisition tasks	Measure lists all the tasks that you have created for a data acquisition device. Select a task if you wish to run, edit, or delete it.
Task Description	Measure displays the description of the selected task. You can assign a description to a task when you create or edit it.
Edit Menu	Add or delete tasks from the **DAQ** menu.
AI	Create an Analog Input task for the selected data acquisition device.
AO	Create an Analog Output task for the selected data acquisition device.
Run	Run the selected data acquisition task.
Edit	Edit the selected data acquisition task.
Delete	Delete the selected data acquisition task.
OK	Store in the active workbook all the changes that you made (creation of tasks, changes to existing tasks, deletions of tasks, additions or deletions to the **DAQ** menu).
Cancel	Ignore all the changes that you made (creation of tasks, changes to existing tasks, deletions of tasks, additions or deletions to the **DAQ** menu).

Using SCXI with Measure DAQ



This chapter describes how to use the Measure data acquisition (DAQ) Add-in in Excel with your Signal Conditioning Extension for Instrumentation (SCXI) equipment.

SCXI is a set of modules and terminal blocks used as a signal condition front-end for your data acquisition devices. These modules perform tasks such as multiplexing large numbers of signals, amplifying low-level signals, providing isolation between your data acquisition devices and transducers, and so on.

To use your SCXI modules with Measure, first you must configure all your DAQ hardware using the NI-DAQ Configuration Utility (`WDAQCONF.EXE`). In the configuration utility, you must assign a device number to each of your DAQ devices and define the connections to your SCXI modules. In most cases, your DAQ device is a plug-in board in your computer although it also can be a PC Card (PCMCIA) format DAQCard or a SCXI-1200 module. You use the DAQ devices for the actual A/D conversions of your analog input signals, and for controlling SCXI modules. Each SCXI module is controlled by one DAQ device, and is assigned as such in the configuration utility. If you have any questions about the configuration utility, consult the *NI-DAQ User Manual for PC Compatibles*.

Once you have configured the SCXI system, using the Measure DAQ Add-In is very similar to using a simple DAQ device. The only difference in the operation is the use of the channel string in the scan list to specify the channels on specific SCXI modules you want to acquire. All other parameters of the DAQ Add-In operate the same.

SCXI Operating Modes

You can operate SCXI modules in two different modes-*multiplexed* and *parallel*. In the multiplexed mode, all analog input channels for each SCXI module are multiplexed (routed) onto one input channel of

your data acquisition device. The multiplexed mode is the default and recommended mode to use with SCXI. In the parallel mode, each SCXI module is directly connected to one data acquisition device and each analog input channel on a SCXI module is connected to a separate analog input channel on the data acquisition device. Not all data acquisition devices or SCXI modules support the parallel mode. Consult your data acquisition hardware user manual for more information.

SCXI Analog Input

To configure channels on a SCXI analog input module in the DAQ task configuration, first select the DAQ device in the main DAQ Tasks dialog box to which the SCXI module is directly or indirectly connected. Then, select the **AI** button to create an AI task or the **Edit** button to modify an existing AI task. In the Analog Input Configuration dialog box, specify the SCXI channel(s) you want to acquire in the Channels field by entering a channel string. This channel string provides information about the DAQ device channel, SCXI chassis number, SCXI module number, and SCXI channel number. The channel string has the following format:

```
ob0!scx!mdy!z
```

In the SCXI channel string, `x` represents the chassis number, `y` the module number, and `z` the channel number.

'`ob0`' in the SCXI channel string indicates which onboard channel (on the DAQ device) to use to acquire the data. In the SCXI multiplexed mode (default mode), all SCXI channels from one SCXI chassis are multiplexed onto one onboard channel. Usually, this is channel 0 (`ob0` in the SCXI string), unless you are using more than one SCXI chassis; in which case each additional chassis uses the next onboard channel (i.e. Chassis 2 uses onboard channel 1, and so on).

'`scx`' represents the chassis number where `x` is replaced by the actual number (e.g. `sc1`). The chassis are numbered starting with `1` and the chassis number is assigned in the NI-DAQ configuration utility.

'`mdy`' represents the module number where `y` is replaced with the actual number (e.g. `md2`). The modules are numbered `1` through *n* on each SCXI chassis with module `1` being in the left-most slot of the SCXI chassis and module *n* in the right-most slot.

'z' in the SCXI channel string represents the actual channel number (e.g. 3). Channels on the SCXI modules are numbered starting at zero. You specify a range of channels on your SCXI modules by listing the first and last channel separated with a colon (e.g. 0:5).

You only use the SCXI channel string when the SCXI is operating in multiplexed mode and channels are multiplexed onto one or more channels of the data acquisition device. In parallel mode, specify the channel of your data acquisition device to acquire. Each channel on your DAQ device is mapped in hardware to one channel on a SCXI module in parallel mode.

Multiple SCXI Modules and Chassis

In the scan list of your DAQ AI task, you can specify channels from multiple SCXI modules or chassis by adding multiple entries to the scan list. Repeat the Add operation for each SCXI module. However, you can specify only one group of consecutive channels per SCXI module in the scan list. You must specify consecutive channels in an incremental order (e.g. ob0!sc1!md1!0:5, ob0!sc1!md2!10:19). In the Measure DAQ Task Dialog Box, the channel setting would be listed as follows. The two lines in the scan list on the right are added separately by twice filling in the channel field on the left and clicking on the **Add**>> button, as shown in Figure 3-1.

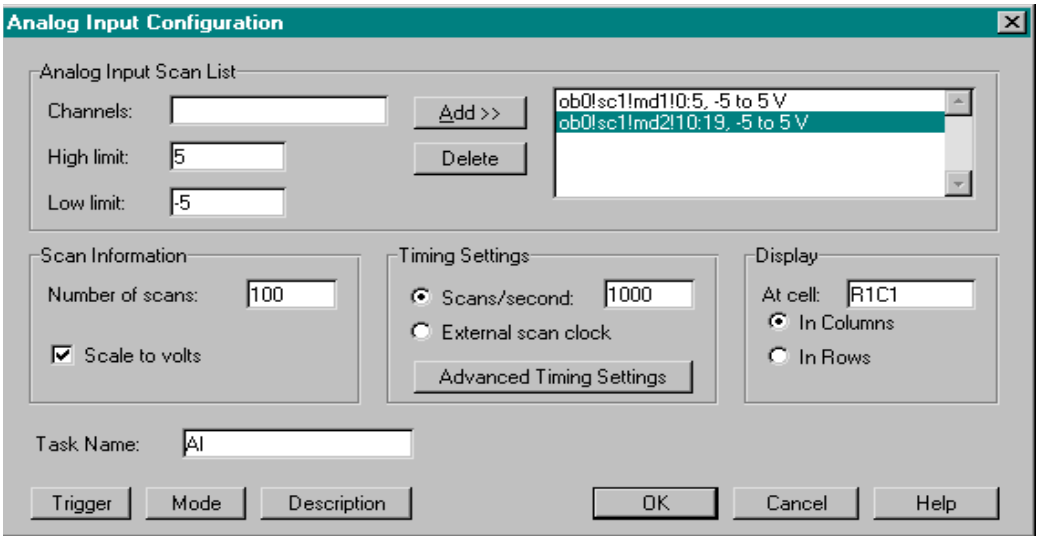


Figure 3-1. Selecting the **Add>>** button

Table 3-1 lists other possible combinations for SCXI channel strings.

Table 3-1. SCXI Channel Strings Syntax

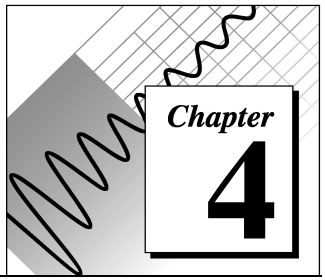
String Syntax	Description
`ob0!sc1!md2!5`	Channel 5 on module 2 of SCXI chassis 1 is read through onboard channel 0.
`ob0!sc1!md2!0:7` `ob0!sc1!md4!5:12`	Channels 0-7 on module 2 and channels 5-12 on module 4 of chassis 1 are read through onboard channel 0.
`ob0!sc1!md3!3:4` `ob1!sc2!md1!20:24`	Channels 3 and 4 of module 3 of chassis 1 are read through onboard channel 0, and channels 20-24 of module 1 on chassis 2 are read through onboard channel 1.

In the parallel mode, each analog input SCXI module is connected directly to a DAQ device and you must specify the channels of your DAQ device in the channel list, not the SCXI channel string.

Note: ***The SCXI-1200 does not support the parallel mode with other SCXI modules.***

SCXI Analog Output

The current version of Measure does not support the use of analog output (AO) channels on the SCXI-1124 module. You can use the analog output channels of the SCXI-1200 module by selecting the device number and the AO channel number as you would with any other DAQ device.



Analog Input Reference

This chapter introduces some basic concepts of data acquisition and contains a reference for analog input configuration, hardware digital triggering, analog input modes, and advanced timing. You should be familiar with the hardware capabilities of your data acquisition device.

DAQ Device Overview

Measure works with a wide variety of National Instrument DAQ devices. This chapter provides a technical overview and reference information about using Measure for analog input operations. Many of the parameters that you can set up with Measure vary depending on your DAQ device. For example, DAQ devices vary in acquisition speed which affects how fast you can acquire data using Measure. In addition, some DAQ devices have more extensive triggering capabilities than other DAQ devices. Measure does not disable any of its options according to the selected DAQ device. When selecting options which are not supported by a particular DAQ device, you get an error message during configuration or testing. Refer to the documentation included with your DAQ hardware to learn more about the particular capabilities of your DAQ device.

Analog Input Configuration Overview

Select **DAQ»Configure DAQ Tasks** and then press the **AI** button to open the Analog Input Configuration dialog box, shown in Figure 4-1. The sections below describe the fields within the Analog Input Configuration dialog box, and Table 4-2 explains the remaining options at the bottom of the Analog Input Configuration dialog box.

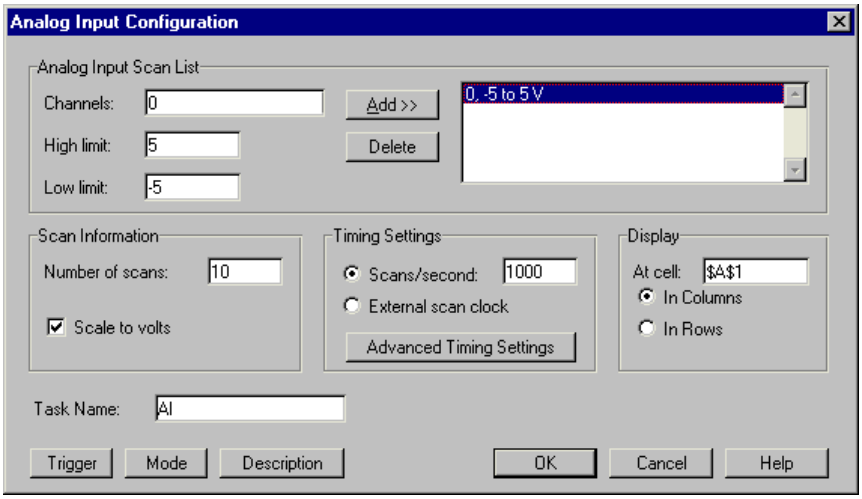


Figure 4-1. Analog Input Configuration Dialog Box

Analog Input Scan List

To configure an acquisition, first you must select the channels that you want to scan by entering a channel string in the Channels field. A *scan* is one acquisition or reading from each channel in the Analog Input Scan List. The scan list can have multiple entries of one or more channels. Each entry has its own set of high and low limits which determines the gains on the channels in the entry.

Channels

Specify channels to add to the scan list. A channel string can consist of a single channel, a list of channels delimited by commas, a range of channels denoted by the first and last channel of the range separated by a colon, or any combination of the previous three types of syntax. The order that you specify the channels in your channel string from

left-to-right is the order that Measure scans the channels. The following is a table of valid channel strings.

Table 4-1. Examples of Valid Channel Strings

Valid Channel Strings	Channels in the Scan List
9	9
3,1	3,1
4:7	4,5,6,7
9,4:7,3,1	9,4,5,6,7,3,1
0,1 (using one AMUX board)	0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7 on the AMUX board
0 (using two AMUX boards)	0,1,2,3 on the first AMUX board and 0,1,2,3 on the second AMUX board
`ob0!sc1!md1!0:3`	0,1,2,3 on the SCXI module in the first slot of the first chassis
`0b0!sc1!md3!0:4, ob0!sc!md4!7`	01,2,3,4 on the SCXI module in the third slot of the first chassis and 7 on the SCXI module in the fourth slot of the first chassis
`ob0!sc1!md2!20:22, ob1!sc2!md3!5:8`	20,21,22 on the SCXI module in the second slot of the first chassis and 5,6,7,8 on the SCXI module in the third slot of the second chassis

For more information about using SCXI, refer to Chapter 3, *Using SCXI with Measure DAQ*.

☞ **Note:** ***Some devices, such as the 1200-Series, have a fixed scanning order. If you are using a device that has a fixed scanning order and you want to scan multiple channels, you must list the channels in the scan list in descending order with the last channel in the scan list being channel 0 (for example, 3,2,1,0). If you are using such a device in differential mode, you must use the even-numbered channels (for example, 6,4,2,0).***

High Limit

Enter the upper voltage limit for the channels in the channel string. This voltage is the maximum voltage that is measured at any of the analog input channels that you specify in the channel string. You may add more than one channel string to your scan list and each channel string may have a different set of high and low limits. When you create an AI task, Measure enters the default value for the device.

Low Limit

Enter the lower voltage limit for the channels in the channel string. This voltage is the minimum voltage that is measured at any of the analog input channels that are specified in the channel string. You may add more than one channel string to your scan list and each channel string may have a different set of high and low limits. When you create an AI task, Measure enters the default value for your device.

☞ **Note:** ***Not all devices can have scan lists in which different channels can have different high and low limit settings.***

Scan Information

The following options apply to all the channels in the scan list.

Number of scans

Specify the number of scans for the acquisition. The number of scans is the number of data acquisitions or readings to acquire from each channel.

Scale to volts

Select this option if you want Measure to display the acquired data in volts. Otherwise, Measure displays the data as the binary values read from the analog-to-digital converter (ADC).

Timing Settings

You can think of a scan as a snapshot of the voltages present on your channels at one time. The *scan rate* determines how many scans per second Measure executes, which means that Measure samples each channel at the scan rate you choose. If you set your scan rate to 10 scans per second, you are taking 10 snapshots each second of all the channels in you scan list. If channel 2 is in your scan list, you sample channel 2 ten times per second. You can think of your scan rate as your sampling rate per channel.

In reality, your device does not take a snapshot of all your channels instantaneously, unless it has the capability to do simultaneous sampling. Rather, for each scan (as timed by the scan clock), the device proceeds from one channel in the scan list to the next depending on the channel clock rate. The faster the channel clock rate, the more closely

in time the channels are sampled within each scan. The reciprocal of the channel clock rate is called the interchannel delay, or channel interval, shown in Figure 4-2.

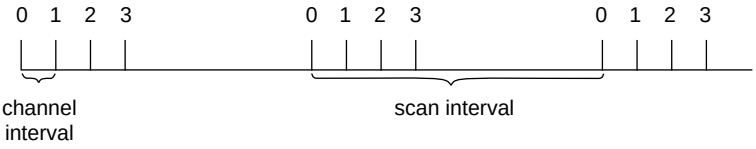


Figure 4-2. Scan Clock and Channel Clock

Measure automatically calculates the smallest, safe interchannel delay for your given configuration and device. If you select a scan rate that requires an interchannel delay smaller than the safest interchannel delay, Measure returns a warning and uses round-robin scanning. Round-robin scanning means that the interval between the last channel in one scan and the first channel of the following scan is the same as the interval between any two channels in the middle of the scan, shown in Figure 4-3.

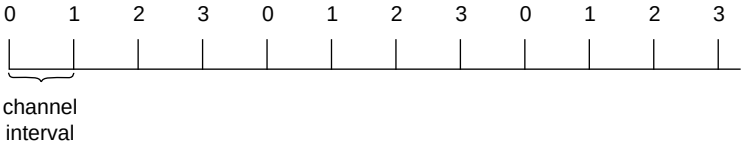


Figure 4-3. Round Robin Scanning

Scans/second

Enter a scan rate for the acquisition in this field.

External scan clock

Select this option if you want to use an external signal for generating the scan rate. Measure uses the signal on an I/O line on the connector of your DAQ device for generating the scan clock.

☞ **Note:** ***For MIO-E Series devices, the external scan clock signal is connected to the PFI7 pin. For most other devices, the external scan clock signal is connected to the OUT2 line. See the user manual for your DAQ device for more information.***

Display

When determining where to display the acquired data, Measure uses three pieces of information you specify.

- Address of the upper-left cell in the range you select
- Orientation of the channels you select (in rows or in columns)
- Number of channels in the scan list

For example, if your scan list has four channels and the upper-left cell of the range has the address **A5** and you specify **In columns** for the orientation, Measure displays the first scan of data in cells **A5:D5**, the second in **A6:D6** and so on. The acquired data from the first channel in your scan list is displayed in the column headed by cell **A5**, the acquired data from the second channel in your scan list is displayed in the column headed by cell **B5**, and so on.

At cell

Specify the target range of the acquired data. Either explicitly type the cell address, or highlight the text in this field and select a cell on any worksheet in the workbook. Measure automatically records the address of your selection in this field.

In Columns

Select this option if you want to display your data in a channel per column orientation.

In Rows

Select this option if you want to display your data in a channel per row orientation.

Table 4-2 contains a list of the choices for the Analog Input Configuration dialog box with descriptions of their use.

Table 4-2. Analog Input Configuration Buttons/Options

Option/Button	Description
Task Name	When you create a new AI task, Measure suggests a unique name for your new task. You can specify a name that is unique to the currently active workbook for this task.
Trigger	Most data acquisition devices have a hardware digital trigger `0-5V`. Click this button to configure a digital trigger for your device.

Mode	Change the analog input mode from the setting that you specify when you run the NI-DAQ Configuration Utility, `WDAQCONF.EXE`. Measure automatically selects the option that reflects the current setting for your device.
Description	Enter a short description of your task. Measure displays a description of a task below the task list in the **DAQ Tasks** dialog box. Also, if you add your task to the **DAQ** menu, Measure displays the task description in the Excel status bar at the bottom of its window when you select the task in the menu.
OK	Verify configuration and add a new task or update an existing task in the data acquisition tasks lists. Return to the **DAQ Tasks** dialog box.
Cancel	Ignore changes and return to the **DAQ Tasks** dialog box.

Trigger Reference

On most DAQ Series devices, you can configure a digital trigger that starts an acquisition, that stops an acquisition, or both. To set up a hardware trigger, select **Analog Input Configuration**»**Trigger** to open the Hardware Digital Trigger dialog box, shown in Figure 4-4.

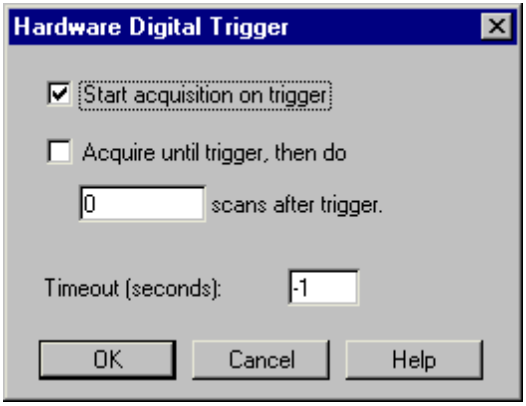


Figure 4-4. Hardware Digital Trigger Dialog Box

Table 4-3 contains a list of Hardware Digital Trigger choices with descriptions of their use.

Table 4-3. Choices for Hardware Digital Trigger

Choices for Hardware Digital Trigger	Description
Start acquisition on trigger	Select this option if you want to start your acquisition on the rising edge of the `PFI0/EXTTRIG/STARTTRIG` (depending on the board you are using) input on the connector. Otherwise, Measure starts the acquisition with a software trigger.
Acquire until trigger	Select this option if you want to stop your acquisition on the rising edge of the `PFI1/EXTTRIG/STOPTRIG` (depending on the board you are using) signal on the connector. Otherwise, the acquisition ends after Measure acquires all the scans.
scans after trigger	Specify the number of scans to acquire after the stop trigger occurs.
Timeout (seconds)	Specify a timeout value in seconds. If you want Measure to calculate a timeout value for you, enter `-1`. If you specify an external scan clock and a timeout value of `-1`, Measure configures a timeout of one second.

Mode Reference

The Analog Input Mode applies to all the channels in your scan list. Select **Analog Input Configuration»Mode** to open the Analog Input Mode dialog box, shown in Figure 4-5.

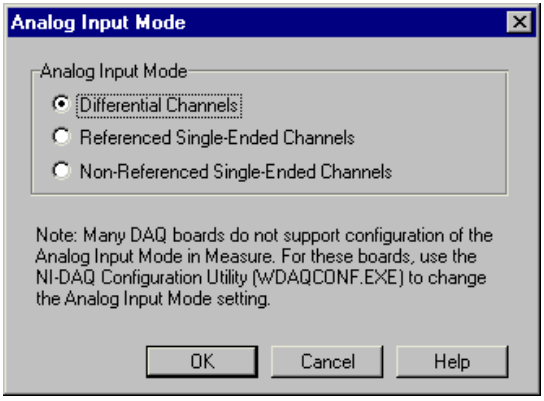


Figure 4-5. Analog Input Mode Dialog Box

Table 4-4 contains a list Analog Input Mode choices with descriptions of their use.

Table 4-4. Choices for Analog Input Mode Dialog Box

Choices for Analog Input Mode	Description
Differential Channels	Select this option if you want each channel to use two analog channel input lines. One line connects to the positive input of the device amplifier, and the other connects to the negative input of the amplifier. Refer to the user manual for your DAQ device for more information about input modes available on your device.
Referenced Single-Ended Channels	Select this option if you want each channel to use one analog input channel line, which connects to the positive input of the amplifier. The negative input of the amplifier is internally tied to analog input ground AIGND. Refer to the user manual for your DAQ device for more information about input modes available on your device.
Non-Referenced Single-Ended Channels	Select this option if you want each channel to use one analog input channel line, which connects to the positive input of the amplifier. The negative input of the amplifier connects to the analog input sense AISENSE input. Refer to the user manual for your DAQ device for more information about input modes available on your device.

☞ **Note:** ***The Analog Input Mode on some devices is not configurable within Measure. If you have such a device, you must exit Measure and change the mode using the NI-DAQ Configuration Utility. If you have a device with jumpers, you must exit Measure, power down your computer, change the jumpers, and run the NI-DAQ Configuration Utility (***WDAQCONF.EXE***) to configure the new setting. Refer to the NI-DAQ User Manual that came with your device for more information.***

Advanced Timing Settings

Most of the time, you do not have to configure the advanced timing settings because Measure automatically selects reasonable values for you. In some cases, however, you might want to select an interchannel delay or even use an external channel clock. You can configure these settings through the Advanced Timing Settings dialog box, shown in Figure 4-6.

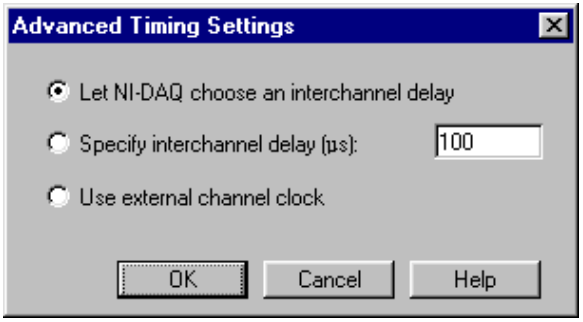


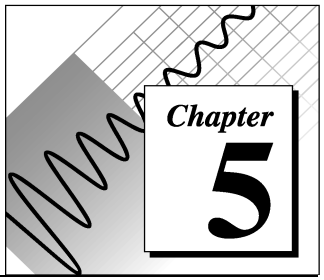
Figure 4-6. Advanced Timing Settings Option

Table 4-5 contains a list of the Advanced timing settings with descriptions of their use.

Table 4-5. Choices for Advanced Timing

Choice for Advanced Timing	Description
Let NI-DAQ choose an interchannel delay	NI-DAQ calculates an interchannel delay for you, based on your hardware, the limit settings for the task, and the scan rate for the task.
Specify interchannel delay (µS)	Measure uses the interchannel delay you specify in microseconds.
Use external channel clock	Measure configures your DAQ device to use an external channel clock.

Analog Output Reference



This chapter introduces some concepts of data acquisition and contains a reference for basic and advanced Analog Output Configuration. You should be familiar with the hardware capabilities of your data acquisition device.

Analog Output Configuration Overview

To configure an analog output task, first you must select the channels on which you want to generate your signals. Refer to Table 5-1 for detailed information.

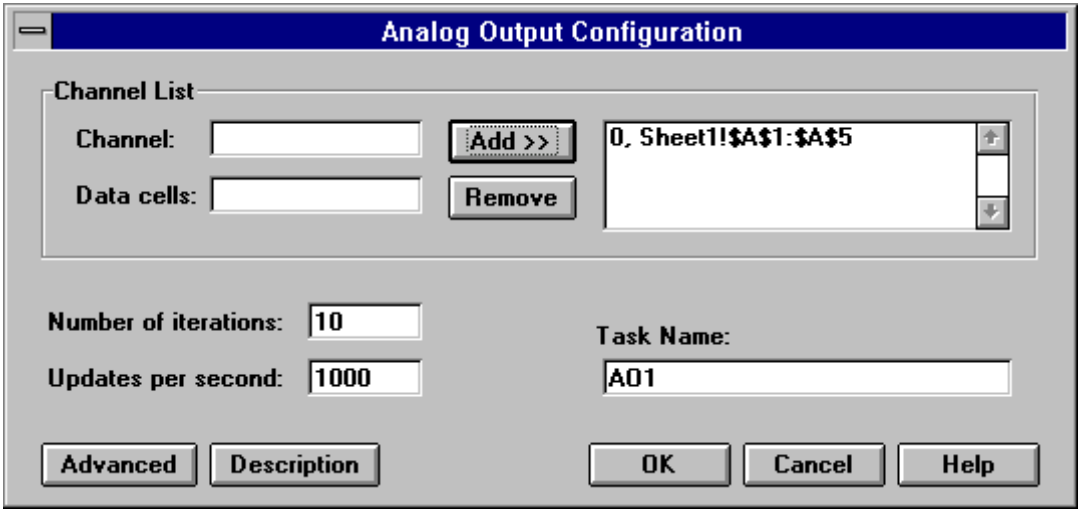


Figure 5-1. Analog Output Configuration

Table 5-1. Analog Output Configuration Reference

Option	Description
Channel	Specify the analog output channel on which to generate a signal. You may only specify one channel at a time.
Data cells	Specify the source range of the voltage values to write to the digital-to-analog converter (DAC) for the channel. Either explicitly type the cell address, or highlight the text in this field and then select a row of cells or a column of cells on any worksheet in the workbook. Measure automatically records the address of your selection in this field.
Add>>	Click this button after specifying a channel and a data cells range.
Remove	Click this button to remove any channels or source ranges that you selected in the list box.
Number of iterations	Specify the number of times Measure should iterate through the waveform that you specified for a channel. If you specify `0` for the number of iterations, Measure indefinitely iterates through the waveform until you run another signal generation task on that same device or until you exit Excel.
Updates per second	Specify the rate at which Measure writes the voltage values to the DAC. If you specified more than one channel in your channel list, all channels will have the same update rate.
Task Name	When you create a new AO task, Measure suggests a unique name for your new task. You can change the name in the Task name edit box; However, the name must be unique to the active workbook.
Description	Click on this button to enter a short description of your task. Measure displays a description of a task below the task list in the DAQ Tasks dialog box. Also, if you add your task to the DAQ menu, Measure displays the task description in the Excel status bar at the bottom of its window when you select the task from the menu.
Advanced	Click on this button to configure more of the advanced properties for the analog output task.
OK	Verify configuration and add a new task or update an existing task in the data acquisition tasks lists. Return to the DAQ Tasks dialog box.
Cancel	Ignore changes and return to the DAQ Tasks dialog box.

☞ **Note:** ***If you want to generate waveforms on more than one channel, each channel must be added separately to the channel list. Also, Measure requires that all channels have the same number of voltage values to generate. If the range of data for one channel is larger than for another channel in the scan list, the shorter range of data is padded with the value 0 when Measure generates the waveforms.***

Advanced Configuration

For most of your tasks, you do not need to use the Advanced Analog Output Configuration dialog box, shown in Figure 5-2. With this dialog box, you may change the output range of your device by specifying new high and low limits or you may specify a current channel type, if your device supports it. Refer to Table 5-2 for detailed information.

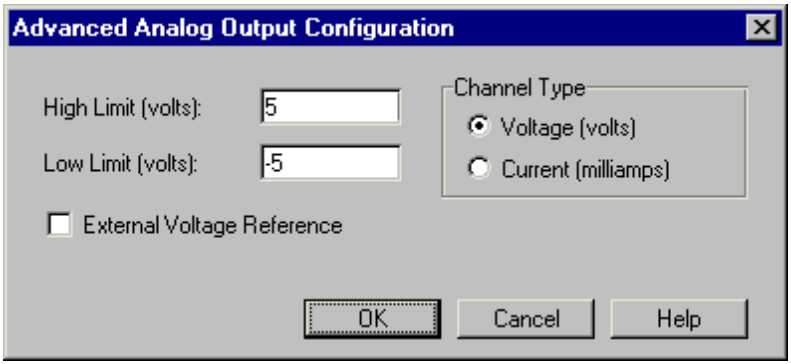


Figure 5-2. Advanced Analog Output Configuration Dialog Box

Table 5-2. Advanced Analog Output Configuration Options

Option	Description
High Limit (volts)	The high limit is equal to your reference voltage and is the maximum voltage the DAC can produce. If you have an AT-AO-6/10 board and your Channel Type is current, you can calculate the maximum possible current with the following equation. `Imax = Vref + 2.5/0.625  mA` The following list contains the default settings for high limit. If you want to use a high limit that differs from the ones given in this list, you must supply an external voltage reference on the EXTREF pin of the connector and select the External Voltage Reference option. Most devices: 10.0 V Lab/1200 Series: -5.0 V or 10.0 V
Low Limit (volts)	The low limit is either 0.0 Volts or a value equal to, but opposite in sign, to the upper limit.
External Voltage Reference	Select this option if you want to supply an external voltage reference on the EXTREF pin of the connector.

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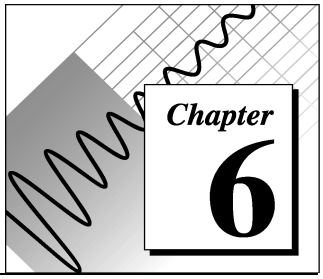


This chapter describes how to run tasks from within Visual Basic for Applications. There are two ways to execute DAQ Add-In functions in a VBA module.

1. Indirectly, you can use `Application.Run`

```
returnValue=Application.Run("FuncName", arg1)
Application.Run "FuncName", arg1
```

2. Directly, after you add a reference to the DAQ Add-In. To add a reference to the DAQ Add-In, select **Tools**»**References** and select the checkbox next to the Data Acquisition Add-In.

```
returnValue = FuncName(arg1)
FuncName arg1
```

Function Reference

The DAQ Add-In has one function that you can call to run a task that has been configured already and one function to translate an error code to an error description.

DAQ

Runs the task named `TaskName`.

Syntax

```
Function DAQ(TaskName as String, [NewTargetRange as String],
[ReferenceStyle as Variant]) as Integer
```

Parameters

Option	Description
TaskName	The name of a task in the active workbook.
NewTargetRange	The address of a range on a worksheet that receives the acquired data. If you fail to specify a worksheet explicitly in the address of this macro, Measure assumes that the range is on the active worksheet. If no worksheet is active, Measure returns an error. If this parameter is missing, Measure uses the previously configured range
ReferenceStyle	Use either xlA1 or xlR1C1 to indicate the type of range address being passed into NewTargetRange. If this parameter is missing, then Excel's current reference type is assumed.

Return Value

Returns `0` if successful, otherwise returns an error code. See Appendix B, *Error Codes* for more information.

Example

```
'Referenced not added to DAQ Add-In; use indirect method
Sub RunMyTask()
    Dim iErr As Integer
    iErr = Appliction.Run("DAQ", "AI1")
    If iErr <> 0 Then
        MsgBox Application.Run("GetDAQErrorMessage", iErr)
    End If
End Sub

'Referenced added to DAQ Add-In; use direct method
Sub RunMyTask()
    Dim iErr As Integer
    iErr = DAQ("AI1")
    If iErr <> 0 Then
        MsgBox GetDAQErrorMessage(iErr)
    End If
End Sub
```

GetDAQErrorMessage

Finds and returns a description of an error code returned by the DAQ function.

Syntax

```
Function GetDAQErrorMessage(ErrorCode As Integer) As String
```

Parameters

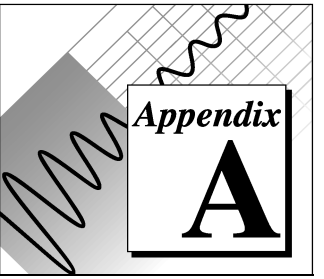
Option	Description
ErrorCode	A non-zero number returned by the DAQ function that indicates an error.

Return Value

A short description of the error code.

Example

See the previous example for the DAQ function.



DAQ Hardware Capabilities

This appendix contains SCXI information, and tables that summarize the analog I/O capabilities of National Instruments data acquisition (DAQ) devices you might use with Measure for Windows. The devices in this appendix are grouped into categories. The DAQ device categories for these tables include the following.

- MIO and AI Devices
- Lab and 1200 Series and Portable Devices
- SCXI Modules
- Analog Output Only Devices

SCXI Information

You cannot use the SCXI Analog Output Module (SCXI-1124) with Measure.

Measure works with all Data Acquisition devices supported by NI-DAQ except EISA-A2000, AT-A2150, and AT-DSP 2200.

MIO and AI Device Hardware Capabilities

Table A-1. Analog Input Configuration Programmability—MIO and AI Devices

Device	Gain	Range	Polarity	SE/DIFF	coupling
All MIO-E Series Devices All AI-E Series Devices	By Channel	By Channel	By Channel	By Channel	DC
AT-MIO-16F-5	By Channel	By Group	By Group	By Group	DC
AT-MIO-64F-5 AT-MIO-16X	By Channel	By Channel	By Channel	By Channel	DC

AT-MIO-16/16D	By Channel	By Device	By Device	By Device	DC

Note: ***"By device" means you select the value of a parameter with hardware jumpers, and the selection affects any group of channels on the device. "By group" means you program the selection through software, and the selection affects all the channels used at the same time. "By channel" means you program the selection with hardware jumpers or through software on a per channel basis. When a specific value for a parameter is shown, that parameter value is fixed.***

Table A-2. Analog Input Characteristics—MIO and AI Devices (Part 1)

Device	Number of Channels	Resolution	Gains[1]	Range (V)[1]	Input FIFO (words)	Scanning[2]
AT-MIO-16E-1 AT-MIO-16E-2 AT-MIO-16E-10 AT-MIO-16DE-10 NEC-MIO-16E-4 NEC-AI-16E-4	16SE, 8DI	12 bits	0.5, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100	±5, 0 to 10	512; E-1: 8,192; E-2 and E4: 2,048	Up to 512
AT-MIO-64E-3	64SE, 32DI	12 bits	0.5, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100	±5, 0 to 10	2,048	Up to 512
NEC-MIO-16XE-50 NEC-AI-16XE-50 AT-MIO-16XE-50 DAQPad-MIO-16XE-50 PCI-MIO-16XE-50	16SE, 8DI	16 bits	1, 2,10, 100	±10, 0 to 10	512	Up to 512
AT-MIO-16F-5 AT-MIO-64F-5	16SE, 8DI 64SE, 32DI	12 bits	0.5, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100	±5, ±10, 0 to 10	16F-5: 256; 64F-5: 512	Up to 512
AT-MIO-16X	16SE, 8DI	16	1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100	±10, 0 to 10	512	Up to 512
AT-MIO-16(L) AT-MIO-16(H) AT-MIO-16D(L) AT-MIO-16D(H)	16SE, 8DI	12	(L) 1, 10, 100, 500; (H): 1, 2, 4, 8	±5, ±10, 0 to 10	16 (L,H); 512 (DL, DH)	Up to 16

1 You can determine the limit settings of your device by dividing the range by the desired gain.

2 Scanning = channels, in any order.

Table A-3. Analog Input Characteristics—MIO and AI Devices (Part 2)

Device	Triggers[1]	Max Sampling Rate (S/s)
AT-MIO-16E-1 AT-MIO-16E-2 AT-MIO-64E-3 AT-MIO-16E-10 AT-MIO-16DE-10 NEC-AI-16E-4 NEC-MIO-16E-4	Pre, Post	E-1: 1 M, E-2 and E-3: 500 k, E-4: 250 k, E-10 and DE-10: 100 k
SB-MIO-16E-4	Pre, Post	250 k
All MIO-16XE-50 Devices NEC-AI-16XE-50	Pre, Post	20 k
AT-MIO-16F-5 AT-MIO-64F-5	Pre, Post	200 k
AT-MIO-16X AT-MIO-16/16D	Pre, Post	100 k

1 Pre=Pretrigger, Post=Posttrigger.

Table A-4. Analog Output Characteristics—MIO and AI Devices

Device	Channel Numbers	DAC Type	Output Limits (V)	Waveform Grouping
All MIO-16E Devices AT-MIO-16DE-10 AT-MIO-64 E-3 AT-MIO-16XE-50 DAQPad-MIO-16XE-50 PCI-MIO-16XE-50	0, 1	12-bit double buffered (E-1, E-2, 64E-3, and E-4: 2 K FIFO)	0 to 10, ±10, ±Vref, 0 to Vref (only ±10 on XE-50 devices)	0, 1, or 0 and 1
AT-MIO-16F-5 AT-MIO-64F-5	0, 1	12-bit double buffered (64F-5: 2 K FIFO)	0 to 10, ±10, ±Vref, 0 to Vref	0, 1, or 0 and 1
AT-MIO-16X	0, 1	16-bit double buffered (2 K FIFO)	±10, 0 to 10, ±Vref, 0 to Vref	0, 1, or 0 and 1
AT-MIO-16/16D	0, 1	12-bit double buffered	0 to 10, ±10, ±Vref, 0 to Vref	0, 1, or 0 and 1

Lab and 1200 Series and Portable Devices Hardware Capabilities

Table A-5. Analog Input Configuration Programmability—Lab, 1200 Series, Portable Devices

Device	Gain	Range	Polarity	SE/DIFF	coupling
Lab-PC+	By group	By group	By device	By device	DC
SCXI-1200 DAQPad-1200 DAQCard-1200 PCI-1200	By group	By group	By group	By group	DC
DAQCard-500	1	Only 1 range available	Bipolar	SE	DC
DAQCard-700	1	By group	Bipolar	By group	DC
PC-LPM-16	1	By device	Bipolar	SE	DC

Note: ***"By device" means you select the value of a parameter with hardware jumpers, and the selection affects any group of channels on the device. "By group" means you program the selection through software, and the selection affects all the channels used at the same time. "By channel" means you program the selection with hardware jumpers or through software on a per channel basis. When a specific value for a parameter is shown, that parameter value is fixed.***

Table A-6. Analog Input Characteristics—Lab, 1200 Series, Portable Devices (Part 1)

Device	Number of Channels	Resolution (bits)	Gains[1]	Range (V)[1]	Input FIFO (samples)
Lab-PC+ SCXI-1200 DAQPad-1200 DAQCard-1200 PCI-1200	8SE, 4DI	12	1, 2, 5, 10 20, 50, 100	±5, 0 to 10	2,048; Lab-PC: 512
DAQCard-500	8SE	12	1	±5	16
DAQCard-700	16SE, 8DI	12	1	±10, ±5, ±2.5	512
PC-LPM-16	16SE	12	1	±5, ±2.5, 0 to 10, 0 to 5	16

1 You can determine the limit settings of your device by dividing the range by the desired gain.

Table A-7. Analog Input Characteristics—Lab, 1200 Series, Portable Devices (Part 2)

Device	Scanning	Triggers	Max Sampling Rate (S/s)
Lab-PC+ SCXI-1200 DAQPad-1200 DAQCard-1200	Any single channel; for multiple channels, N through 0, where N=7	Pretrigger, and posttrigger with digital trigger	100 k; Lab-PC+: 83 k
DAQCard-500	Any single channel; for multiple channels, N through 0, where N=7	—	50 k
DAQCard-700	Any single channel; for multiple channels, N through 0, where N=15	—	100 k
PC-LPM-16	Any single channel; for multiple channels, N through 0, where N=15	—	50 k

Table A-8. Analog Output Characteristics—Lab, 1200 Series, Portable Devices

Device	Channel #s	DAC Type	Output Limits (V)	Waveform Grouping
Lab-PC+ SCXI-1200 DAQPad-1200 DAQCard-1200 PCI-1200	0, 1	12-bit double-buffered	0 to 10, ±5	0, 1, or 0 and 1

SCXI Module Hardware Capabilities

Table A-9. Analog Input Characteristics—SCXI Modules

Module	Number of Channels	Input Voltage Range (V)	Gains[1]	Filter[1]	Excitation Channels[1]	Mode Support
SCXI-1100	32 DI	±10	1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1,000, 2,000 (SW/M)[1]	lowpass filter (or no filter) with 10 kHz or 4 Hz cutoff frequency (JS/M)[1]	—	multiplexed
SCXI-1102	32 DI	±10	1, 100 (SW/C)[1]	1 Hz lowpass on each channel	—	multiplexed
SCXI-1120 SCXI-1121	8 DI (SCXI-1120) 4 DI (SCXI-1121)	±5	1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1,000, and 2,000 (JS/C)[1]	lowpass filter with 10 kHz or 4 Hz cutoff frequency (JS/C)[1]	SCXI-1121 only: 4 voltage or current excitation channels (JS/C)[1]	multiplexed or parallel
SCXI-1122	16 DI or 8 DI and 8 excitation SW/M[1 channels]	±10	0.01, 0.02, 0.05, 0.1, 0.2, 0.5, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1,000, 2,000 (SW/M)[1]	lowpass filter with 4kHz or 4 Hz cutoff frequency	8 voltage or current excitation channels in 4-wire scanning mode	multiplexed
SCXI-1140	8 DI, sample and hold	±10	1, 10, 100, 200, 500 (DS/C)[1]	none	—	multiplexed or parallel

SCXI-1141	8 DI	±5	1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 (SW/C)[1]	elliptic lowpass filter with 10Hz to 25KHz cutoff frequency[2] (SW/M)1 (disabled on a per channel basis)	—	multiplexed or parallel

1 DS/C = dip switch-selectable per channel, JS/C = jumper-selectable per channel, JS/M = jumper-selectable per module, SW/C = software-selectable per channel, SW/M = software-selectable per module

2 The SCXI-1141 has an automatic filter setting. NI-DAQ sets the filter frequency based on the scan rates used with the module.

Table A-10. Terminal Block Selection Guide—SCXI Modules

SCXI Module	Terminal Blocks	Cold-Junction Compensation Sensor (CJC)
SCXI-1100 SCXI-1102	SCXI-1303 SCXI-1300	Thermistor IC Sensor
SCXI-1120 SCXI-1121	SCXI-1320 SCXI-1321[1] SCXI-1327 SCXI-1328	IC Sensor IC Sensor Thermistor Thermistor
SCXI-1122	SCXI-1322	Thermistor
SCXI-1140	SCXI-1301 SCXI-1304	— —
SCXI-1141	SCXI-1304	—
SCXI-1180	SCXI-1302 with NB1 cable	—
SCXI-1181	SCXI-1300 SCXI-1301	IC Sensor —
SCXI-1200	SCXI-1302 CB-50 with NB1 cable	— —

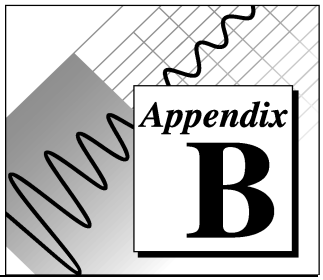
[1] SCXI-1121 only

Analog Output Only Devices Hardware Capabilities

Table A-11. Analog Output Characteristics—Analog Output Only Devices

Device	Channel #s	DAC Type	Output Limits (V)	Waveform Grouping	Transfer Method
AT-AO-6 AT-AO-10	0 through 5, 6 through 9*	12-bit double-buffered with 1 K FIFO for update clock 1 channels	±10V, ±Vref1, 0 to 10, 0 to Vref1, 4 to 20 mA, 4 to $\frac{Vref1+2.5}{0.625}$ mA	For update clock 1 channels are any one channel *N* or set of channel pairs: 0-*N;* for update clock 2 channels are 2-*N*, same rules as above: *N*=6, *N*=10*	Update clock 1 channels: DMA, interrupts; update clock 2 channels: interrupts
PC-AO-2DC (Plug and Play)	0, 1		0 to 10V, ±5V, 0-20mA sink software-selectable		
DAQCard-AO-2DC	0, 1		0 to 10V, ±5V, 0-10mA sink software-selectable		
*AT-AO-10 only					

Error Codes



This appendix describes the errors that can occur while using the Measure DAQ Add-In.

Table B-1. Data Acquisition Error Codes

Error Code	Error	Description
-10001	`syntaxErr`	An error was detected in the input string; the arrangement or ordering of the characters in the string was not consistent with the expected ordering.
-10002	`semanticsErr`	An error was detected in the input string; the syntax of the string was correct, but certain values specified in the string were inconsistent with other values specified in the string.
-10003	`invalidValueErr`	The value of a numeric parameter is invalid.
-10004	`valueConflictErr`	The value of a numeric parameter is inconsistent with another one, and therefore the combination is invalid.
-10005	`DSPbadDeviceErr`	The device is invalid.
-10006	`badLineErr`	The line is invalid.
-10007	`badChanErr`	Possible reasons for this error are as follows. • A channel is out-of-range for the device type or input configuration. • The combination of channels is not allowed. • The scan order must be reversed (0 last).
-10008	`badGroupErr`	The group is invalid.
-10009	`badCounterErr`	The counter is invalid.

-10010	badCountErr	The count is too large or too small for the specified counter, or the given I/O transfer count is not appropriate for the current buffer or channel configuration.
-10011	badIntervalErr	The analog input scan rate is too fast for the number of channels and the channel clock rate, or the given clock rate is not supported by the associated counter channel or I/O channel.
-10012	badRangeErr	The analog input or analog output voltage range is invalid for the specified channel.
-10013	badErrorCodeErr	The driver returned an unrecognized or unlisted error code.
-10014	groupTooLargeErr	The group size is too large for the device.
-10015	badTimeLimitErr	The time limit is invalid.
-10016	badReadCountErr	The read count is invalid.
-10017	badReadModeErr	The read mode is invalid.
-10018	badReadOffsetErr	The offset is unreachable.
-10019	badClkFrequencyErr	The frequency is invalid.
-10020	badTimebaseErr	The timebase is invalid.
-10021	badLimitsErr	The limits are beyond the range of the device.
-10022	badWriteCountErr	Possible reasons for this error are as follows. • Your data array contains incomplete update. • You are trying to write past the end of the internal buffer. • Your output operation is continuous and the length of your array is not a multiple of one-half the internal buffer size.
-10023	badWriteModeErr	The write mode is out-of-range or is not allowed.
-10024	badWriteOffsetErr	Adding the write offset to the write mark places the write mark outside the internal buffer.
-10025	limitsOutOfRange	The requested input limits exceed the device's capability or configuration. Alternative limits were selected.

-10026	badBufferSpec	The requested number of buffers or the buffer size is not allowed; e.g., Lab-PC buffer limit is 64K samples, or the device does not support multiple buffers.
-10027	badDAQEventErr	For DAQEvents 0 and 1, general value *A* must be greater than zero and less than the internal buffer size. If DMA is used for DAQEvent 1, general value *A* must divide the internal buffer size evenly, with no remainder. If you use TIO-10 for DAQEvent 4, general value *A* must be one or two.
-10028	badFilterCutoffErr	The cutoff frequency specified is not valid for this device.
-10029	obsoleteFunctionError	The function you are calling is no longer supported in this version of the driver.
-10030	badBaudRateError	The specified baud rate for communicating with the serial port is not valid on this platform.
-10031	badChassisIDError	The specified SCXI chassis does not correspond to a configured SCXI chassis.
-10032	badModuleSlotError	The SCXI module slot that was specified is invalid or corresponds to an empty slot.
-10033	invalidWinHandleError	The window handle passed to the function is invalid.
-10034	noSuchMessageError	No configured message matches the one you tried to delete.
-10080	badGainErr	The gain is invalid.
-10081	badPretrigCountErr	The pretrigger sample count is invalid.
-10082	badPosttrigCountErr	The post-trigger sample count is invalid.
-10083	badTrigModeErr	The trigger mode is invalid.
-10084	badTrigCountErr	The trigger count is invalid.
-10085	badTrigRangeErr	The trigger range or trigger hysteresis window is invalid.
-10086	badExtRefErr	The external reference is invalid.
-10087	badTrigTypeErr	The trigger type is invalid.
-10088	badTrigLevelErr	The trigger level is invalid.
-10089	badTotalCountErr	The total count is inconsistent with the buffer size and pretrigger scan count or

		with the device type.
-10090	badRPGErr	The individual range, polarity, and gain settings are valid, but the combination is not allowed.
-10091	badIterationsErr	You have attempted to use an invalid setting for the iterations parameter. The iterations value must be 0 or greater. Your device may be limited to only two values, zero and one.
-10092	lowScanIntervalError	Some devices require a time gap between the last sample in a scan and the start of the next scan. The scan interval you have specified does not provide a large enough gap for the device. See the SCAN_Start function in the language interface API for an explanation.
-10093	fifoModeError	FIFO mode waveform generation cannot be used because at least one condition is not satisfied.
-10100	badPortWidthErr	The requested digital port width is not a multiple of the hardware port width.
-10120	gpctrBadApplicationError	Invalid application used.
-10121	gpctrBadCtrNumberError	Invalid counterNumber used.
-10122	gpctrBadParamValueError	Invalid paramValue used.
-10123	gpctrBadParamIDError	Invalid paramID used.
-10124	gpctrBadEntityIDError	Invalid entityID used.
-10125	gpctrBadActionError	Invalid action used.
-10200	EEPROMreadError	Unable to read data from EEPROM.
-10201	EEPROMwriteError	Unable to write data to EEPROM.
-10240	noDriverErr	The driver interface could not locate or open the driver.
-10241	oldDriverErr	One of the driver files or the configuration utility is out-of-date.
-10242	functionNotFoundErr	The specified function is not located in the driver.
-10243	DSPconfigFileErr	The driver could not locate or open the configuration file, or the format of the configuration file is not compatible with the currently installed driver.

-10244	deviceInitErr	The driver encountered a hardware-initialization error while attempting to configure the specified device.
-10245	osInitErr	The driver encountered an operating-system error while attempting to perform an operation, or the operating system does not support an operation performed by the driver.
-10246	communicationsErr	The driver is unable to communicate with the specified external device.
-10247	DSPcmosConfigErr	Possible reasons for this error are as follows. • The CMOS configuration-memory for the device is empty or invalid. • The configuration specified does not agree with the current configuration of the device. • The EISA system configuration is invalid.
-10248	dupAddressErr	The base addresses for two or more devices are the same; consequently, the driver is unable to access the specified device.
-10249	intConfigErr	The interrupt configuration is incorrect given the capabilities of the computer or device.
-10250	dupIntErr	The interrupt levels for two or more devices are the same.
-10251	dmaConfigErr	The DMA configuration is incorrect given the capabilities of the computer/DMA controller or device.
-10252	dupDMAErr	The DMA channels for two or more devices are the same.
-10253	jumperlessBoardErr	The driver is unable to find one or more jumperless devices that you have configured using WDAQCONF.EXE.

-10254	DAQCardConfErr	The DAQCard cannot be configured because 1) the correct version of the card and socket services software is not installed, 2) the card in the PCMCIA socket is not a DAQCard, or 3) the base address and/or interrupt level requested are not available according to the card and socket services resource manager. Try different settings or use AutoAssign in the NI-DAQ configuration utility.
-10256	dmaChannel1Error	Bad DMA channel 1 specified in the configuration utility or by the operating system.
-10257	baseAddressError	Bad base address specified in the configuration utility.
-10258	dmaChannel1Error	Bad DMA channel 1 specified in the configuration utility or by the operating system.
-10259	dmaChannel2Error	Bad DMA channel 2 specified in the configuration utility or by the operating system.
-10260	dmaChannel3Error	Bad DMA channel 3 specified in the configuration utility or by the operating system.
-10340	noConnectErr	No RTSI signal/line is connected, or the specified signal and the specified line are not connected.
-10341	badConnectErr	The RTSI signal/line cannot be connected as specified.
-10342	multConnectErr	The specified RTSI signal is already being driven by a RTSI line, or the specified RTSI line is already being driven by a RTSI signal.
-10343	SCXIConfigErr	The specified SCXI configuration parameters are invalid, or the function cannot be executed with the current SCXI configuration.
-10360	DSPInitErr	The DSP driver was unable to load the kernel for its operating system.

-10370	badScanListErr	Possible reasons for this error are as follows. • The scan list is invalid; for example, you are mixing AMUX-64T channels and onboard channels. • You are scanning SCXI channels out of order. • The driver attempts to achieve complicated gain distributions over SCXI channels on the same module by manipulating the scan list, and returns this error message if it fails.
-10400	userOwnedRsrcErr	The specified resource is owned by the user and cannot be accessed or modified by the driver.
-10401	DSPunknownDeviceErr	The specified device is not a National Instruments product, or the driver does not support the device (e.g., the driver was released before the device was supported).
-10402	deviceNotFoundErr	No device is located in the specified slot or at the specified address.
-10403	DSPdeviceSupportErr	The specified device does not support the requested action (the driver recognizes the device, but the action is inappropriate for the device).
-10404	noLineAvailErr	No line is available.
-10405	noChanAvailErr	No channel is available.
-10406	noGroupAvailErr	No group is available.
-10407	lineBusyErr	The specified line is in use.
-10408	chanBusyErr	The specified channel is in use.
-10409	groupBusyErr	The specified group is in use.
-10410	relatedLCGBusyErr	A related line, channel, or group is in use. If the driver configures the specified line, channel, or group, the configuration, data, or handshaking lines for the related line, channel, or group are disturbed.
-10411	counterBusyErr	The specified counter is in use.
-10412	noGroupAssignErr	No group is assigned, or the specified line or channel cannot be assigned to a

		group.
-10413	groupAssignErr	A group is already assigned, or the specified line or channel is already assigned to a group.
-10414	reservedPinErr	The selected signal requires a pin that is reserved and configured only by NI-DAQ. You cannot configure this pin yourself.
-10416	DSPDataPathBusyError	Either DAQ or WFM can use a PC memory buffer, but not both at the same time.
-10417	SCXIModuleNotSupportedError	At least one of the SCXI modules specified is not supported for the operation.
-10344	chassisSynchedError	The Remote SCXI unit is not synchronized with the host. Reset the chassis again to resynchronize it with the host.
-10345	chassisMemAllocError	The required amount of memory cannot be allocated on the Remote SCXI unit for the specified operation.
-10346	badPacketError	The packet received by the Remote SCXI unit is invalid. Check your serial port cable connections.
-10347	chassisCommunicationError	There was an error in sending a packet to the remote chassis. Check your serial port cable connections.
-10348	waitingForReprogError	The Remote SCXI unit is in reprogramming mode and is waiting for reprogramming commands from the host (NI-DAQ Configuration Utility).
-10349	SCXIModuleTypeConflictError	The module ID read from the SCXI module conflicts with the configured module type.
-10440	sysOwnedRsrcErr	The specified resource is owned by the driver and cannot be accessed or modified by the user.

-10441	memConfigErr	No memory is configured to support the current data-transfer mode, or the configured memory does not support the current data-transfer mode. (If block transfers are in use, the memory must be capable of performing block transfers.)
-10442	memDisabledErr	The specified memory is disabled or is unavailable given the current addressing mode.
-10443	memAlignmentErr	The transfer buffer is not aligned properly for the current data-transfer mode; e.g., the buffer is at an odd address, is not aligned to a 32-bit boundary, is not aligned to a 512-bit boundary, and so on. Alternatively, this error can occur if the driver is unable to align the buffer because the buffer is too small.
-10444	DSPmemFullErr	Possible reasons for this error are as follows. • No more system memory is available on the heap. • No more memory is available on the device. • You have insufficient disk space available.
-10445	memLockErr	The transfer buffer cannot be locked into physical memory.
-10446	memPageErr	The transfer buffer contains a page break; system resources may require reprogramming when the page break is encountered.
-10447	memPageLockErr	The operating environment is unable to grant a page lock.
-10448	stackMemErr	The driver is unable to continue parsing a string input due to stack limitations.
-10449	cacheMemErr	A cache-related error occurred, or caching is not supported in the current mode.
-10450	physicalMemErr	A hardware error occurred in physical memory, or no memory is located at the specified address.

-10451	virtualMemErr	The driver is unable to make the transfer buffer contiguous in virtual memory and therefore cannot lock it into physical memory. Thus, the buffer cannot be used for DMA transfers.
-10452	noIntAvailErr	No interrupt level is available for use.
-10453	intInUseErr	The specified interrupt level is already in use by another device.
-10454	noDMACErr	No DMA controller is available in the system.
-10455	noDMAAvailErr	No DMA channel is available for use.
-10456	DMAInUseErr	The specified DMA channel is already in use by another device.
-10457	badDMAGroupErr	The DMA cannot be configured for the specified group because it is too small, too large, or misaligned. Consult your device user manual to determine group ramifications with respect to DMA.
-10458	diskFullError	The storage disk you specified is full.
-10459	DSPDLLInterfaceErr	The DLL could not be called because of an interface error.
-10460	interfaceInteractionErr	You have mixed Vis from the DAQ library and the _DAQ compatibility library (LabVIEW 2.2 Vis). You may switch between the two libraries only by running the DAQ VI Device Reset before calling the _DAQ compatibility Vis, or by running the compatibility VI Board Reset before calling DAQ Vis.
-10480	muxMemFullError	The scan list is too large to fit into the mux-gain memory of the device.
-10481	bufferNotInterleavedError	You cannot use DMA to transfer data from two buffers. You may be able to use interrupts.
-10560	invalidDSPhandleErr	The DSP handle input is not valid.
-10600	noSetupErr	A setup operation has not been performed the specified resources.
-10601	multSetupErr	The specified resources have already been configured by a setup operation.

-10602	noWriteErr	No output data has been written into the transfer buffer.
-10603	groupWriteErr	The output data associated with a group must be for a single channel or must be for consecutive channels.
-10604	activeWriteErr	Once data generation has started, only the transfer buffers originally written to can be updated. If DMA is active and a single transfer buffer contains interleaved channel-data, you must provide new data for all output channels currently using the DMA channel.
-10605	endWriteErr	No data was written to the transfer buffer because the final data block has already been loaded.
-10606	notArmedErr	The specified resource is not armed.
-10607	armedErr	The specified resource is already armed.
-10608	noTransferInProgErr	No transfer is in progress for the specified resource.
-10609	transferInProgErr	A transfer is already in progress for the specified resource.
-10610	transferPauseErr	A single output channel in a group cannot be paused if the output data for the group is interleaved.
-10611	badDirOnSomeLinesErr	Some of the lines in the specified channel are not configured for the transfer direction specified. For a write transfer, some lines are configured for input. For a read transfer, some lines are configured for output.
-10612	badLineDirErr	The specified line does not support the specified transfer direction.
-10613	badChanDirErr	The specified channel does not support the specified transfer direction.
-10614	badGroupDirErr	The specified group does not support the specified transfer direction.
-10615	masterClkErr	The clock configuration for the clock master is invalid.

-10616	slaveClkErr	The clock configuration for the clock slave is invalid.
-10617	noClkSrcErr	No source signal has been assigned to the clock resource.
-10618	badClkSrcErr	The specified source signal cannot be assigned to the clock resource.
-10619	multClkSrcErr	A source signal has already been assigned to the clock resource.
-10620	noTrigErr	No trigger signal has been assigned to the trigger resource.
-10621	badTrigErr	The specified trigger signal cannot be assigned to the trigger resource.
-10622	preTrigErr	The pretrigger mode is not supported or is not available in the current configuration, or no pretrigger source has been assigned.
-10623	postTrigErr	No posttrigger source has been assigned.
-10624	delayTrigErr	The delayed trigger mode is not supported or is not available in the current configuration, or no delay source has been assigned.
-10625	masterTrigErr	The trigger configuration for the trigger master is invalid.
-10626	slaveTrigErr	The trigger configuration for the trigger slave is invalid.
-10627	noTrigDrvErr	No signal has been assigned to the trigger resource.
-10628	multTrigDrvErr	A signal has already been assigned to the trigger resource.
-10629	invalidOpModeErr	The specified operating mode is invalid, or the resources have not been configured for the specified operating mode.
-10630	invalidReadErr	An attempt was made to read 0-bytes from the transfer buffer, or an attempt was made to read past the end of the transfer buffer.
-10631	noInfiniteModeErr	Continuous input or output transfers are not allowed in the current operating mode.

-10632	someInputsIgnoredErr	Certain inputs were ignored because they were not relevant in the current operating mode.
-10633	invalidRegenModeErr	The specified analog output regeneration mode is not allowed for this device.
-10634	noContTransferInProgressError	No continuous (double buffered) transfer is in progress for the specified resource.
-10635	invalidSCXIOpModeError	Either the SCXI operating mode specified in a configuration call is invalid, or a module is in the wrong operating mode to execute the function call.
-10636	noContWithSynchError	You cannot start a continuous (double-buffered) operation with a synchronous function call.
-10637	bufferAlreadyConfigError	Attempted to configure a buffer after the buffer had already been configured. You can configure a buffer only once.
-10680	badChanGainErr	All channels of this device must have the same gain.
-10681	badChanRangeErr	All channels of this device must have the same range.
-10682	badChanPolarityErr	All channels of this device must have the same polarity.
-10683	badChanCouplingErr	All channels of this device must have the same coupling.
-10684	badChanInputModeErr	All channels of this device must have the same input mode.
-10685	clkExceedsBrdsMaxConvRate	The clock rate exceeded the device's recommended maximum rate.
-10686	scanListInvalidErr	A configuration change has invalidated the scan list.
-10687	bufferInvalidErr	A configuration change has invalidated the allocated buffer.

-10688	noTrigEnabledErr	The number of total scans and pretrigger scans implies that a triggered start is intended, but triggering is not enabled.
-10689	digitalTrigBErr	Digital trigger *B* is illegal for the number of total scans and pretrigger scans specified.
-10690	digitalTrigAandBErr	This device does not allow digital triggers *A* and *B* to be enabled at the same time.
-10691	extConvRestrictionErr	This device does not allow an external sample clock with an external scan clock, start trigger, or stop trigger.
-10692	chanClockDisabledErr	The acquisition cannot be started because the channel clock is disabled.
-10693	extScanClockErr	You cannot use an external scan clock when performing a single scan of a single channel.
-10694	unsafeSamplingFreqErr	The sample frequency exceeds the safe maximum rate for the hardware, gains, and filters used.
-10695	DMAnotAllowedErr	You have set up an operation that requires the use of interrupts. DMA is not allowed.
-10696	multiRateModeErr	Multi-rate scanning cannot be used with the AMUX-64, SCXI, or pretriggered acquisitions.
-10697	rateNotSupportedErr	Unable to convert your timebase/interval pair to match the actual hardware capabilities of this device.
-10698	timebaseConflictErr	You cannot use this combination of scan and sample clock timebases for this device.
-10699	polarityConflictErr	You cannot use this combination of scan and sample clock source polarities for this operation and device.
-10700	signalConflictErr	You cannot use this combination of scan and convert clock signal sources for this operation and device.

-10701	noLaterUpdateError	The call had no effect because the specified channel had not been set for later internal update.
-10702	prePostTriggerError	Pretriggering and posttriggering cannot be used simultaneously on the Lab and 1200 series devices.
-10710	noHandshakeModeError	The specified port has not been configured for handshaking.
-10720	noEventCtrError	The specified counter is not configured for event-counting operation.
-10740	SCXITrackHoldErr	A signal has already been assigned to the SCXI track-and-hold trigger line, or a control call was inappropriate because the specified module was not configured for one-channel operation.
-10780	sc2040InputModeErr	When you have an SC2040 attached to your device, all analog input channels must be configured for differential input mode.
-10781	outputTypeMustBeVoltageError	The polarity of the output channel cannot be bipolar when outputting currents.
-10782	sc2040HoldModeError	The specified operation cannot be performed with the SC-2040 configured in hold mode.
-10783	calConstPolarityConflictError	Calibration constants in the load area have a different polarity from the current configuration. Therefore, you should load constants from factory.
-10800	timeOutErr	The operation could not complete within the time limit.
-10801	calibrationErr	An error occurred during the calibration process.
-10802	dataNotAvailErr	The requested amount of data has not yet been acquired.
-10803	transferStoppedErr	The transfer has been stopped to prevent regeneration of output data.
-10804	earlyStopErr	The transfer stopped prior to reaching the end of the transfer buffer.

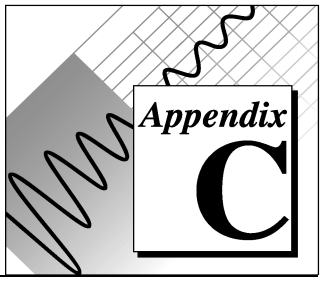
-10805	overRunErr	The clock source for the input task is faster than the maximum clock rate the device supports. If you allow the driver to calculate the analog input channel clock rate, the driver bases the clock rate on the device type. For this reason, you should check the configuration utility to make certain that you have the correct device type.
-10806	noTrigFoundErr	No trigger value was found in the input transfer buffer.
-10807	earlyTrigErr	The trigger occurred before acquiring sufficient pretrigger data.
-10808	LPTCommunicationErr	An error occurred in the parallel port communication with the SCXI-1200.
-10809	gateSignalErr	Attempted to start a pulse width measurement with the pulse in the phase to be measured (e.g., high phase for high-level gating).
-10810	internalDriverError	An unexpected error occurred inside the driver when performing this given operation.
-10811	internalKernelError	An unexpected error occurred inside the kernel of the device while performing this operation.
-10840	softwareErr	The contents or the location of the driver file was changed between accesses to the driver.
-10841	firmwareErr	The firmware does not support the specified operation, or the firmware operation could not complete due to a data-integrity problem.
-10842	hardwareErr	The hardware is not responding to the specified operation, or the response from the hardware is not consistent with the functionality of the hardware.
-10843	underFlowErr	Because of system limitations, the driver could not write data to the device fast enough to keep up with the device throughput.

-10844	underWriteErr	New data was not written to the output transfer buffer before the driver attempted to transfer data to the device.
-10845	overFlowErr	Because of system limitations, the driver could not read data from the device fast enough to keep up with the device throughput. The onboard device memory reported an overflow error.
-10846	overWriteErr	The driver wrote new data into the input transfer buffer before the previously acquired data was read.
-10847	dmaChainingErr	New buffer information was not available at the time of the DMA chaining interrupt; DMA transfers will terminate at the end of the currently active transfer buffer.
-10848	noDMACountAvailErr	The driver could not obtain a valid reading from the transfer-count register in the DMA controller.
-10849	OpenFileError	The configuration file or DSP kernel file could not be opened.
-10850	closeFileErr	Unable to close a file.
-10851	fileSeekErr	Unable to seek within a file.
-10852	readFileErr	Unable to read from a file.
-10853	writeFileErr	Unable to write to a file.
-10854	miscFileErr	An error occurred accessing a file.
-10855	osUnsupportedError	NI-DAQ does not support the current operation on this particular version of the operating system.
-10856	osError	An unexpected error occurred from the operating system while performing the given operation.

-10880	updateRateChangeErr	A change to the update rate is not possible at this time because 1) when waveform generation is in progress, you cannot change the interval timebase or 2) when you make several changes in a row, you must give each change enough time to take effect before requesting further changes.
-10881	partialTransferCompleteError	You cannot perform another transfer after a successful partial transfer.
-10882	daqPollDataLossError	The data collected on the Remote SCXI unit was overwritten before it could be transferred to the buffer in the host. Try using a slower data acquisition rate if possible.
-10883	wfmPollDataLossError	New data could not be transferred to the waveform buffer of the Remote SCXI unit to keep up with the waveform update rate. Try using a slower waveform update rate if possible.
-10884	pretrigReorderError	Could not rearrange data after a pretrigger acquisition completed.
-10920	gpctrDataLossErr	One or more data points may have been lost during buffered GPCTR operations due to speed limitations of your system.
-10940	chassisResponseTimeoutError	No response was received from the Remote SCXI unit within the specified time limit.
-10941	reprogrammingFailedError	Reprogramming the Remote SCXI unit was unsuccessful. Please try again.
-10942	invalidResetSignatureError	An invalid reset signature was sent from the host to the Remote SCXI unit.
-2001	ERR_TASK_NOT_FOUND	Unable to find task.
-2002	ERR_WORKSHEET_DOES_NOT_EXIST	The worksheet that is specified in the task's configuration does not exist.
-2003	ERR_RANGE_IS_NOT_VALID	The range that is specified in the task's configuration is not valid.

-2101	iERR_AO_MULTIPLE_CHANS_PER_STRING	An analog output channel string represents multiple analog output channels. Measure requires that each analog output channel string contain only one analog output channel.

Troubleshooting



This appendix describes solutions to problems that you might encounter using the Measure DAQ Add-In.

Problem: No DAQ menu appears.

Solution: From the **Tools**»**Add-Ins**. Click on the **Browse** button and look for `DAQ.XLA` in the directory where you installed Measure. Once you find it, select it and click on the **OK** button. If a dialog box appears with the message `Replace existing 'DAQ.XLA'?` click on the **Yes** button. You will see a Measure Data Acquisition Add-In entry in the list box and the checkbox next to it will be checked. Click on the **OK** button.

Problem: The list of data acquisition devices is empty.

Solution: Verify with the NI-DAQ Configuration Utility (`WDAQCONF.EXE`) that you have properly installed and configured your device. Verify that your device is supported by Measure. Refer to Appendix B, *DAQ Hardware Capabilities.*

Problem: You are using Windows 3.1 or Windows for Workgroups 3.11 and you get a dialog box entitled Measure with the message, `Error -10243 The driver could not locate or open the configuration file, or the format of the configuration file is not compatible with the currently installed driver.`

Solution: Delete the `WDAQCONF.CFG` file in your Windows directory. Then reconfigure your hardware using the NI-DAQ Configuration Utility. If the problem persists, contact National Instruments for an updated version of the NI-DAQ driver.

Problem: You get a dialog box entitled Measure with a message that begins `Fatal error.`

Solution: Congratulations! It is likely that you have found a deficiency in our code! Please write down the information in the dialog box as well as the actions that you took preceding the error. Try to reproduce the error. Then, call National Instruments technical support.

Problem: After you remove the Measure Data Acquisition Add-In in the Add-Ins dialog box, a dialog box entitled Microsoft Excel appears with the message `Cannot access 'DAQ.XLA'.`

Solution: Click on the **Cancel** button. This behavior, which occurs because of Microsoft Excel or the OLE libraries, is harmless and you can safely ignore it.

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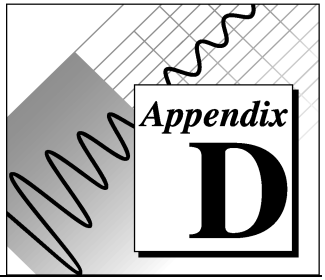

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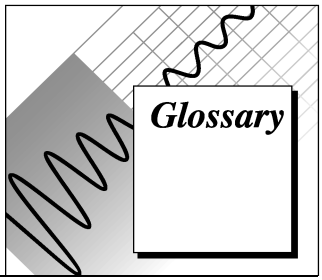


Prefix	Meaning	Value
p-	pico-	10^{-12}
n-	nano-	10^{-9}
µ-	micro-	10^{-6}
m-	milli-	10^{-3}
k-	kilo-	10^{3}
M-	mega-	10^{6}

Numbers/Symbols

1D	One-dimensional.
2D	Two-dimensional.

A

A/D	Analog-to-digital.
ADC	Analog-to-digital converter. An electronic device, often an integrated circuit, that converts an analog voltage to a digital number.
ADC resolution	The resolution of the ADC, which is measured in bits. An ADC with 16 bits has a higher resolution, and thus a higher degree of accuracy than a 12-bit ADC.
AI	Analog input.

Analog Input Configuration	The specification of the analog input channels, input limits, input mode, and scan rate that Measure will use to acquire a waveform.
Analog Output Configuration	The specification of the analog output channels, output limits, data points, and update rate that Measure will use to generate a waveform.
analog trigger	A trigger that occurs at a user-selected point on an incoming analog signal. Triggering can be set to occur at a specified level on either an increasing or a decreasing signal (positive or negative slope). Analog triggering can be implemented either in software or in hardware. When implemented in software (Measure), all data is collected, transferred into system memory, and analyzed for the trigger condition. When analog triggering is implemented in hardware, no data is transferred to system memory until the trigger condition has occurred.
AO	Analog output.
array	Ordered, indexed set of data elements of the same type.
Asynchronous	A method of data communications in which information is transmitted one character at a time. A start bit precedes each character and a stop bit follows each character. The start bit signals the beginning of the character transmission and the stop bit indicates its completion. The Serial Add-In uses asynchronous communications in its data exchanges.

B

bipolar	A signal range that includes both positive and negative values–for example, -5 to 5 V.
buffer	Temporary storage for acquired or generated data.
Byte	The standard method of representing numbers or characters in a computers. Eight binary digits (bits) make up a byte.

C

channel	Pin or wire lead to which you apply or from which you read the analog or digital signal. Analog signals can be single-ended or differential. For digital signals, you group channels to form ports. Ports usually consist of either four or eight digital channels.
channel clock	The clock controlling the time interval between individual channel sampling within a scan. Boards with simultaneous sampling do not have this clock.
clock	Hardware component that controls timing for reading from or writing to groups.
conversion device	Device that transforms a signal from one form to another. For example, analog-to-digital converters (ADCs) for analog input, digital-to-analog converters (DACs) for analog output, digital input or output ports, and counter/timers are conversion devices.
coupling	The manner in which a signal is connected from one location to another.

D

D/A	Digital-to-analog.
DAC	Digital-to-analog converter. An electronic device, often an integrated circuit, that converts a digital number into a corresponding analog voltage or current.
data acquisition	Process of acquiring data, typically from A/D or digital input plug-in boards.
device	A plug-in data acquisition board that can contain multiple channels and conversion devices.
device number	The slot number or board ID number assigned to the board when you configured it.
DIFF	Differential. A differential input is an analog input consisting of two terminals, both of which are isolated from computer ground and whose difference you measure.

DMA — Direct memory access. A method by which data you can transfer data to computer memory from a device or memory on the bus (or from computer memory to a device) while the processor does something else. DMA is the fastest method of transferring data to or from computer memory.

driver — Software that controls a specific hardware device, such as a data acquisition board.

E

EISA — Extended Industry Standard Architecture.

external trigger — A voltage pulse from an external source that triggers an event such as A/D conversion.

F

FIFO — A first-in-first-out memory buffer. In a FIFO, the first data stored is the first data sent to the acceptor.

G

gain — The factor by which a signal is amplified, sometimes expressed in decibels.

I

input limits — The upper and lower voltage inputs for a channel. You must use a pair of numbers to express the input limits. The VIs can infer the input limits from the input range, input polarity, and input gain(s). Similarly, if you wire the input limits, range, and polarity, the VIs can infer the onboard gains when you do not use SCXI.

input range — The difference between the maximum and minimum voltages an analog input channel can measure at a gain of 1. The input range is a scalar value, not a pair of numbers. By itself the input range

	does not uniquely determine the upper and lower voltage limits. An input range of 10 V could mean an upper limit of +10 V and a lower of 0 V or an upper limit of +5 V and a lower limit of -5 V. The combination of input range, polarity, and gain determines the input limits of an analog input channel. For some boards, jumpers set the input range and polarity, while you can program them for other boards. Most boards have programmable gains. When you use SCXI modules, you also need their gains to determine the input limits.
interrupt	A signal indicating that the central processing unit should suspend its current task to service a designated activity.
I/O	Input/output. The transfer of data to or from a computer system involving communications channels, operator interface devices, and/or data acquisition and control interfaces.
ISA	Industry Standard Architecture.

K

Kwords	1,024 words of memory.

M

MB	megabytes of memory
multiplexer	A set of semiconductor or electromechanical switches with a common output that can select one of a number of input signals and that you commonly use to increase the number of signals measured by one ADC.

N

NRSE	Nonreferenced single-ended.

O

onboard channels	Channels provided by the plug-in data acquisition board.

output limits	The upper and lower voltage or current outputs for an analog output channel. The output limits determine the polarity and voltage reference settings for a board.

P

PGIA	Programmable gain instrumentation amplifier.
postriggering	The technique you use on a data acquisition board to acquire a programmed number of samples after trigger conditions are met.
pretriggering	The technique you use on a data acquisition board to keep a continuous buffer filled with data, so that when the trigger conditions are met, the sample includes the data leading up to the trigger condition.

R

Range	A group of rows and columns on a spreadsheet.
RMS	Root mean square.
RSE	Referenced single-ended.

S

scan	One reading from each channel or port in an analog or digital input group.
scan clock	The clock controlling the time interval between scans. On boards with interval scanning support (for example, the AT-MIO-16F-5), this clock gates the channel clock on and off. On boards with simultaneous sampling (for example, the EISA-A2000), this clock clocks the track-and-hold circuitry.
scan rate	The number of scans per second. For example, at a scan rate of 10Hz, Measure samples each channel in a group 10 times per second.
scan width	The number of channels in the channel list or number of ports in the port list you use to configure an analog or digital input group.

SCXI	Signal Conditioning eXtensions for Instrumentation. The National Instruments product line for conditional low-level signals within an external chassis near sensors, so only high-level signals in a noisy environment are sent to data acquisition boards.
sec	Seconds
single-ended inputs	Analog inputs that you measure with respect to a common ground.
software trigger	A programmed event that triggers an event such as data acquisition.
Synchronous	A method of data communications in which a prearranged number of bits are transferred per second. Synchronization occurs before and after the transmission of blocks of data, rather than before and after every character. There are no start bits or stop bits, as there are in asynchronous communications. All transmitted bits represent information or are parity bits. See Asynchronous.

T

trigger	A condition for starting or stopping clocks.

U

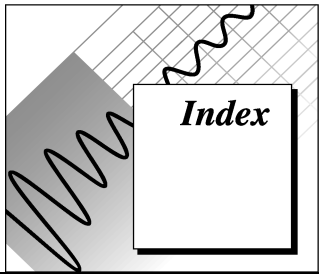
unipolar	A signal range that is always positive—for example, 0 to 10 V.
update	The output equivalent of a scan. One update is one write to each channel or port in the group. Updates apply to both analog output and digital output groups.
update rate	The number of output updates per second.
update width	The number of channels in the channel list or number of ports in the port list you use to configure an analog or digital output group.

V

V	volts.
Visual Basic for Applications (VBA)	The programming language built into Microsoft Excel.
V_{ref}	Voltage reference.

W

waveform	Multiple voltage readings taken at a specific sampling rate.



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